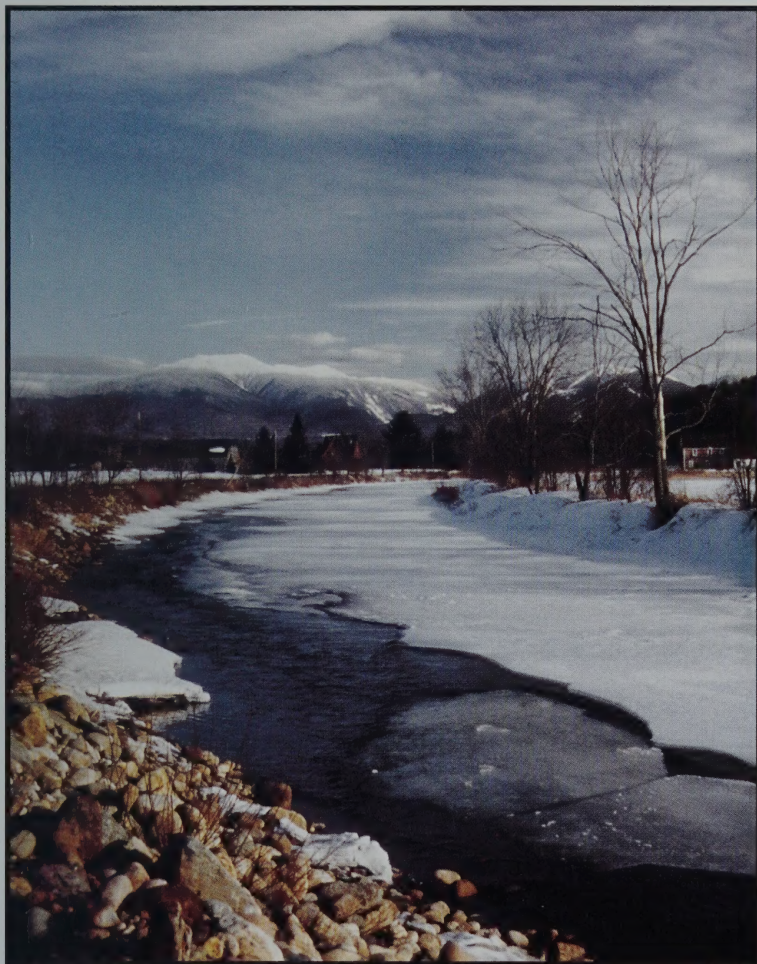


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# **FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT**



**Town of**

# **SUGAR HILL**

**New Hampshire**

**Year ending December 31, 2002**

This 2002 Town Report is dedicated to the

# ***Willing Workers Society***



For over 80 years the Members have provided assistance to the community in many forms.

Donating to local charities, scholarships for Sugar Hill students, baskets and plants for shut-ins, gifts for the annual Christmas Party, fuel assistance for the Community Church and hosting bereavement luncheons.



*We honor their continued dedication  
to our community.*



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**Town of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire**

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**of the Town Officers**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2002**

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## **TOWN OFFICERS**

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

John J. Strasser, III, Chairman	(Term Expires 2005)
Harry L. Reid	(Term Expires 2004)
Richard Bielefield	(Term Expires 2003)

### **TOWN OFFICE**

Telephone 823-8468

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Jennifer P. Gaudette

### **TOWN CLERK**

Elizabeth Coombs Andross  
(resigned 6/02)  
(appointed Deputy 6/02)

### **TAX COLLECTOR**

Elizabeth Coombs Andross  
(resigned 7/02)  
(appointed 7/02)

### **TREASURER**

Lissa M. Boissonneault

### **TOWN AUDITOR**

William W. Pinney

### **CHIEF OF POLICE**

Jose L. Pequeno (Appointed)

### **FIRE CHIEF**

Paul W. Pinkham

### **TO REPORT AN EMERGENCY**

**911**

**EMERGENCY ONLY**

### **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

**1-800-564-6911**

**Non-Emergency 823-8123**

### **HIGHWAY AGENT**

Douglas R. Glover

### **OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE**

Lissa M. Boissonneault

### **HEALTH OFFICER**

Margaret Peckett

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Walter Zandi  
Paul S. Hayward, Deputy

### **MODERATOR**

Roger Aldrich (2004)

### **TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS**

Richard Gagne	(2005)
Laurence S. Ring, Chairman	(2004)
Bruce Perlo	(2003)

### **SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**

Dr. John Rowbotham, Chairman	(2008)
Edith Aldrich	(2006)
Starcy Branch	(2004)

### **LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Irene Amsbary	(2005)
Elaine Burpee	(2004)
Eleonore Card	(2003)



## **CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

Laurence S. Ring, Chairman (2004)

Dr. John Rowbotham	(2004)	Nancy D. Aldrich	(2003)
Lucinda Bielefield Heuschkel	(2005)	Lorraine S. Hunt, Secretary	(2003)

## **PLANNING BOARD**

Michael Coyle, Chairman (2005)

Beth Perlo, Vice Chairman	(2004)	Sally Cotter (resigned 12/02)	(2005)
Norma Stewart	(2004)	David Thurston	(2003)
Harry L. Reid	(2004)	Robert Hayward, Jr.	(2003)
June Chase, Alternate	(2005)	Christopher Thayer, Alternate	(2003)

Henry King, Alternate (2004)

## **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Michael Hern, Chairman (2004)

Peter Anderson	(2005)	Janet Anderson	(2003)
Walter Zandi	(2005)	Catherine Burke	(2003)

Amy Finnerty, Alternate (2004)

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Rebecca Brown, Chairman (2004)

Tricia Rust	(2004)	Lynn Kenerson	(2005)
John Gagel	(2005)	John McIlwaine	(2003)
Margaret Connors	(2002)	Chester Smith, (resigned)	(2003)
Robert Benson	(2003)	Edna Glaessel, Alternate	(2005)

Luther Kinnery, Alternate (2004)

## **RECREATION PROGRAM SUGAR HILL REPRESENTATIVES**

Gordon Johnk

Laurie Henault

All 2002 reports from various agencies not printed in this Town Report are on file in the Selectmen's Office and available upon request.

# ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - RESULTS

March 12, 2002

Moderator Roger H. Aldrich declared the polls open at 11:00 AM for voting by ballot on Article 1 (the election of Town Officers). Polls will close at 7:30 PM. All other Articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon starting at 7:30 PM.

**ARTICLE 1.** To vote by nonpartisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

- One Selectman to serve for a term of three (3) years.
- A Town Clerk to serve for a term of one (1) year.
- A Tax Collector to serve for a term of one (1) year.
- A Town Treasurer to serve for a term of one (1) year.
- An Overseer of Public Welfare to serve for a term of one (1) year.
- A Town Auditor to serve for a term of one (1) year.
- A Library Trustee to serve for a term of three (3) years.
- One Trustee of Trust Funds to serve for a term of three (3) years.
- Two Board of Adjustment Members to serve for terms of three (3) years.
- One Cemetery Trustee to serve for a term of three (3) years.
- One Supervisor of the checklist to serve for a term of six (6) years.
- A Moderator to serve for a term of two (2) years.
- And such other Town Officers as may be required by law.

## Results of Article 1.

Selectman, Three Year Term .....	John J. Strasser, III .....	96
.....	Fred J. Hunt, Sr. ....	1
.....	Doug Amsbary.....	1
Moderator, Two Year Term .....	Roger H. Aldrich.....	93
.....	William Pinney .....	1
.....	Bruce Perlo .....	1
.....	Paul Hayward .....	1
Town Clerk, One Year Term .....	Elizabeth C. Andross .....	99
Tax Collector, One Year Term .....	Elizabeth C. Andross .....	98
Town Treasurer, One Year Term .....	Lissa M. Boissonneault .....	100
Overseer of Public Welfare, One Year Term .....	Lissa M. Boissonneault .....	101
Town Auditor, One Year Term .....	William Pinney .....	29
.....	Ralph Brigida .....	1
.....	Starcy Branch .....	1
.....	Doug Amsbary .....	1
.....	Larry Ring .....	2
.....	Maxine Aldrich .....	1



Library Trustee, Three Year Term .....	Irene Amsbary .....	79
.....	Kathleen Jablonski .....	18
.....	Sylvia Hutchinson .....	1
.....	Judy Norton .....	1
Trustee of Trust Funds, Three Year Term .....	Richard Gagne .....	7
.....	Larry Ring .....	6
.....	John Rowbotham .....	1
.....	Roger Aldrich .....	1
.....	Rebecca Brown .....	1
.....	Robert Hayward Jr. ....	1
.....	Doug Amsbary .....	1
.....	David McPhaul, Jr. ....	1
.....	William Pinney .....	1
.....	Pauline Aldrich .....	1
.....	Lynn Kenerson .....	1
.....	Colleen Foley .....	1
Zoning Board of Adjustment Member, (Vote for Two)		
Three Year Term .....	Walter Zandi .....	47
.....	Peter Anderson .....	43
.....	Peterson .....	2
.....	Peter Szawlowski .....	1
.....	Sarah Pinney .....	2
.....	Trevor Presby .....	1
.....	Donald Jesseman .....	1
Cemetery Trustee		
Three Year Term .....	Lucinda Bielefield Heuschkel .....	90
.....	Maxine Aldrich .....	1
.....	Jean Ring .....	2
.....	Larry Ring .....	1
Supervisor of the Checklist		
Six Year Term .....	John L. Rowbotham .....	100

Moderator Roger H. Aldrich stated that he would read the following Articles slowly and if anyone had any questions, to raise their hand and he would recognize them. He also asked that anyone who wished to speak, to stand and identify themselves so the Town Clerk could record them correctly, and to speak loudly so that everyone could hear them. He state that discussion would follow at the end with any amendments.

**ARTICLE 2.** To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges and make appropriations of the same as set forth in the following budget:

Executive .....	\$ 33,100.00
Election, Registration and Vital Statistics .....	16,000.00
Payroll Taxes .....	14,000.00
Financial Administration .....	17,400.00
Property Revaluation .....	5,220.00

Legal Expenses .....	,000.00
Planning Board .....	3,000.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment .....	800.00
Insurance .....	47,380.00
General Government Buildings .....	41,525.00
Buildings and Grounds .....	18,500.00
Cemetery .....	2,500.00
Advertising and Regional Associations .....	6,932.00
North Country Council .....	932.00
Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce .....	6,000.00
Police Department .....	82,500.00
Fire Department .....	27,500.00
Ambulance .....	3,000.00
Ross Ambulance .....	1,500.00
Life Squad .....	1,500.00
Civil Defense .....	100.00
Town Maintenance .....	68,250.00
General Highway Department Expenses .....	65,600.00
Highway Block Grant .....	40,405.00
Street Lighting .....	11,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal .....	25,000.00
Welfare .....	2,000.00
Tri County Cap .....	500.00
Unemployment .....	100.00
Library .....	13,000.00
Parks and Recreation .....	13,400.00
Patriotic Purposes .....	300.00
Conservation Commission .....	2,000.00
Principal of Long-Term Notes .....	24,083.00
Interest Expense - Long-Term Notes .....	3,000.00
Interest Expense - Tax Anticipation Notes .....	4,000.00
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS .....</b>	<b>\$599,595.00</b>

(The Selectmen recommend these Appropriations.)

Moved by Bruce Perlo, seconded by Sarah Pinney

A discussion followed.

**All in favor “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to withdraw the accumulated income from the Cemetery Trust Funds.

(The Selectmen recommend these Appropriations.)

Moved by George Foss, seconded by Larry Ring.

**All in favor “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.



(The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.)

Moved by Bruce Perlo, seconded by Meri Hern

**All in favor “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to be placed in the Highway Department Roadwork Capital Reserve Fund.

(The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.)

Moved by Jim Cyrs, Jr., seconded by Bruce Perlo.

**All in favor “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund.

(The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.)

Moved by Michael Coyle, seconded by John Rowbotham.

**All in favor “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund.

(The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.)

Moved by Bruce Perlo, seconded by David Thurston.

**All in favor “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$48,000) to engage an architect to study and proceed with the guidelines as submitted by the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse Restoration Committee.

(The Selectmen do not recommend this Appropriation.)

On a motion by Nancy Aldrich, and seconded by Jane Vincent, it was moved to pass over Article 8.

A discussion followed.

**All in favor “Aye,” opposed “No.” The Ayes have it.**

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to create an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Town Employee Health Insurance Deductible Trust Fund, for the purpose of paying employee health insurance deductibles and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this trust fund, and furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in said fund. (Majority Vote required). (This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget article.)

(The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation)

Moved by Harold Aldrich, seconded by Kathleen Jablonski.

A discussion followed.

Amendment to Article 9 to require employees to pay one half of deductible.

Moved by Larry Ring, seconded by Jeanne Ring.

**All in favor “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “No’s” have it.**

A second amendment to Article 9 to require employees to pay the first \$100 of deductible.

Moved by George Foss, seconded by Bruce Perlo.

**All in favor “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “Ayes” have it.**

Article 9 as amended.

**All in favor “Aye”, opposed “No.” The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 10.** Polling Hours in the Town of Sugar Hill are now 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Shall we place a question on the State Election Ballot to change polling hours so that the polls will open at 11:00AM and close at 7:30 PM for all regular sate elections beginning in 2004.

(The Selectmen recommend this Article)

Moved by Kathleen Jablonski, seconded by Jim Cyrs, Jr.

A discussion followed.

**All in favor “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Forty Six Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$1,246.30) in support of the North Country Home Health Agency.

(The Selectmen do not recommend this Appropriation.)

Moved by Lissa Boissonneault, seconded by Elaine Burpee.

A discussion followed.

**All in favor “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.) for the North Country YMCA.

(The Selectmen do not recommend this Appropriation.)

Moved by Robert Hayward, seconded by Dennis Cote.

A discussion followed.

**All in favor “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Twenty Five dollars and Twenty Cents (\$225.20) for the American Red Cross. (563 residents @ .40)

(The Selectmen do not recommend this appropriation.)

Moved by Jim Cyrs, Jr., seconded by Mike Hern.

A discussion followed.

**All in favor “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “No’s” have it.**

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Twenty Two Dollars (\$422) for the Mt. Washington Regional Airport. (563 residents @ .75)

(The Selectmen do no recommend this Appropriation.)

Moved by Miranda Young, seconded by Carol Young.

A discussion followed.

**All in favor :Aye,” opposed “No,” The “No’s” have it.**



**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Seventy Eight Dollars (\$678) for the White Mountain Mental Health and Development Services.

(The Selectmen do not recommend this Appropriation)

Moved by Jim Cyrs, Jr., seconded by Bruce Perlo.

**All in favor “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Sixty Six Dollars (\$366) for the Hospice of the Littleton Area.

(The Selectmen do not recommend this Appropriation)

Moved by Lon Henderson, seconded by Bruce Perlo.

**All in favor “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$550) for the Grafton County Senior Citizens Council Inc.

(The Selectmen do not recommend this Appropriation.)

Moved by Elaine Burpee, seconded by Mike Hern.

A discussion followed.

**All in favor “Aye,” opposed “no.” The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.) for the Littleton Regional Hospital.

(The Selectmen do not recommend this Appropriation.)

Moved by Sarah Pinney, seconded by Jim Cyrs, Jr.

A discussion followed.

**All in favor “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “No’s” have it.**

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to become a member of the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District, and to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a membership agreement on terms agreeable to the Selectmen.

Moved by Mike Hern, seconded by Walter Zandi.

A discussion followed.

**All in favor “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the New Hampshire Model Floodplain Development Ordinance for Communities with Special Flood Hazard Areas.

Moved by Mike Hern. seconded by Jim Cyrs, Jr.

A discussion followed.

**All in favor “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 21:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

A motion was made by Barbara Serafini, seconded by Jane Vincent.

The motion is as follows:

I make the motion that the Board of Selectmen is strongly urged to appoint a committee to study the restoration of the Meetinghouse to include, but not limited to, bringing the building up to code, safety issues, and means to provide adequate parking. Said committee to be made up of volunteers from the townspeople and include one Selectman who will act as liaison between the Board of Selectmen and the committee to ensure that all are working toward a common goal. The committee is urged to include public hearings during its deliberations to ensure that the desires of the townspeople are heard. The committee is urged to report back to the town no later than January 1, 2004.

A discussion followed.

**All in favor “Aye,” opposed “no.” The “Ayes” have it.**

Moderator Aldrich then stated, with no more business he would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Moved by Dennis Cote, seconded by Mike Hern.

9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Andross  
Town Clerk



## BALANCE SHEET

(As at December 31, 2002)

### ASSETS

Cash – Unrestricted Checking		\$ 478,235.60
Cash – Restricted Savings		10,279.79
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 2002	\$104,780.43	
Yield Taxes	4,646.39	
Land Use Taxes	4,200.00	
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Total Uncollected Taxes		113,626.82
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 2001	21,307.62	
Prior Years	24,371.02	
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Total Unredeemed Taxes		45,678.64
Tax Deeded Property Subject to Resale		6,172.58
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Total Assets		<u>\$ 653,993.43</u>

### LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
School District Tax Payable	\$ 427,233.00	
Due State of NH	103,066.00	
Accounts Payable	309.34	
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Total Liabilities		\$ 530,608.34
Reserved for Tax Deeded Property	6,172.58	
Reserved for Conservation Fund	10,279.79	
Fund Balance – Unreserved, Undesignated	106,932.72	
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Fund Equity		<u>\$ 123,385.09</u>
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Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		<u>\$ 653,993.43</u>

## SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land Under Current Use (At Current Use Values)	\$ 643,825.00
Land	22,518,209.00
Buildings	46,068,800.00
Public Utilities	1,096,869.00
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Total Valuation Before Exemptions	\$ 69,683,878.00
Elderly and Blind Exemptions	70,000.00
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Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate Is Computed for Municipal, County and Local Education	\$ 69,613,878.00
Less Utilities	1,096,869.00
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Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate For State Education Tax is Computed	\$ 68,517,009.00

## STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

	<u>Amount</u>		<u>Tax Rate</u>
Total Town Appropriations	\$ 697,585.00		
Less: Revenues	231,282.00		
Less: Shared Revenues	6,235.00		
Add: Overlay	9,039.00		
War Service Credits	6,400.00		
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Net Town Appropriations		475,507.00	
Municipal Tax Rate			6.83
Net Local School Budget	0.00		
Regional School Apportionment	983,118.00		
Less: Adequate Education Grant	0.00		
State Education Taxes	(349,574.00)		
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Approved School(s) Tax Effort		633,544.00	
Local Education Tax Rate			9.10
State Education Taxes			
Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x	\$5.80		
78,041,465		452,640.00	
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)			6.61
68,517,009			
Excess State Education			
Taxes to be Remitted to State		103,066.00	
Due to County	130,338.00		
Less Revenue and Credits	(1,397.00)		
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Net County Tax Assessment		128,941.00	
County Tax Rate			1.85
Combined Tax Rate			24.39
Total Property Taxes Assessed		1,690,632.00	
Less: War Service Credits		(6,400.00)	
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Property Tax To Be Raised		\$1,684,232.00	



## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Meetinghouse, Land and Buildings	\$ 199,200.00
Furniture and Equipment	64,247.00
Library Furniture and Equipment	15,000.00
Police Department Equipment	45,000.00
Fire Department, Land and Buildings	122,400.00
Equipment	464,500.00
Highway Department, Land and Buildings	176,600.00
Equipment	367,822.00
Town Hall, Furniture & Equipment	50,000.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	
Coffin Pond	26,000.00
Historical Museum	91,000.00
Woodland	
Creamery Pond	22,900.00
Cemeteries	13,900.00
Total	<hr/> \$1,658,569.00

## SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

	Transfer Station	Town Garage	Fire Station	Total
Beginning Balance 1/1/02	\$12,916.66	\$16,145.01	\$ 1,750.00	\$30,811.67
2002 Payment	12,916.66	8,666.67	1,750.00	24,083.34
Ending Balance 12/31/02	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,666.67	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,666.67

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

To the Voters of the Town of Sugar Hill:

I herewith submit my first report of the financial doings of my office for the year 2002:

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	\$120,127.00	
Dog Licenses Issued:	467.50	
Marriage Licenses:	190.00	
Other Permits & Fees:	4,171.50	
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Total		\$124,956.00

Remittances To Treasurer:

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	\$120,127.00	
Town Clerk Fees:	968.00	
State Motor Vehicle Fees:	1,702.50	
Title Application Fees:	338.00	
Dog Licenses Issued:	467.50	
Dog License Fee:	88.00	
Dog License Penalty:	201.00	
Marriage Licenses Issued:	190.00	
Town Clerk Fees:	35.00	
Vital Statistics	56.00	
Town Clerk Fee:	28.00	
UCC Filing Fees:	605.00	
Insufficient Funds Fees:	150.00	
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Total		\$124,956.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Coombs Andross  
Deputy Town Clerk



# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

## Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2002

### DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes - Beginning of Fiscal Year:	Levies of 2002	Levies of 2001
Property Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 169,497.51
Land Use Change	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	0.00	3,634.64
Taxes Committed This Year:		
Property Taxes	1,683,658.36	0.00
Land Use Change	4,200.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	10,149.27	0.00
Overpayment:		
Property Taxes	2,205.44	364.81
Yield Taxes	34.98	0.00
Cost Before Lien	213.68	562.17
Interest Late Tax	2,067.51	7,109.99
Total Debits	\$1,702,529.24	\$ 181,169.12

### CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:		
Property Taxes	\$1,580,010.33	\$ 139,791.54
Yield Taxes	4,859.88	3,634.64
Interest	2,067.51	7,672.16
Conversion to Lien	0.00	29,596.85
Costs Not Liened	213.68	0.00
Abatements Made:		
Property Taxes	682.80	63.91
Yield Taxes	677.98	0.00
Overpayments Applied	0.00	410.02
Current Levy Deeded	390.24	0.00
Uncollected Taxes End of Year:		
Property Taxes	104,780.43	0.00
Land Use Change	4,200.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	4,646.39	0.00
Total Credits	\$1,702,529.24	\$ 181,169.12

## SUMMARY OF LIEN ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2002

### DEBITS

	2001	2000	1999	Prior
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$ 0.00	\$17,063.34	\$17,033.68	\$22,887.32
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	32,201.59	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution	508.35	1,359.67	4,279.48	9,457.09
Total Debits	<u>\$32,709.94</u>	<u>\$18,423.01</u>	<u>\$21,313.16</u>	<u>\$32,344.41</u>

### CREDITS

	2001	2000	1999	Prior
Remittances to Treasurer: Redemptions	\$10,392.66	\$ 5,227.96	\$10,562.78	\$11,541.55
Interest & Cost After Lien Execution	508.35	1,359.67	4,279.48	9,457.09
Liens Deeded to Municipality	501.31 450.30	445.10	4,385.63	
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Fiscal Year	21,307.62	11,385.08	6,025.80	6,960 .14
Total Credits	<u>\$32,709.94</u>	<u>\$18,423.01</u>	<u>\$21,313.16</u>	<u>\$32,344.41</u>

## **UNREDEEMED PROPERTY TAXES FROM TAX LIEN**

BY ORDER OF THE SELECTMEN THE FOLLOWING LIST IS  
INCLUDED PER 1997 TOWN MEETING:

	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>
Caporelli, Mary	2,078.32	340.96
Fekay-Cobb, Laila	1,062.63	
Hayward, Paul*	6,355.92	3,371.03
Kiraly, Barbara E.	1,643.76	1,438.07
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Totals	\$11,140.63	\$ 5,150.06

\*Indicates partial payment after December 31, 2002

## **PROPERTIES DEEDED TO THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL**

BY ORDER OF THE SELECTMEN  
FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES  
FROM 1999 AND BEYOND

Cyrs, Michael D. (Estate)	Map 227	Lot 07
Straus, Sandra Dudley	Map 206	Lot 25
Taylor, Karl & Lois	Map 212	Lot 06



**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Year Ending December 31, 2002**  
**Cash Basis**

Beginning Cash Balance, January 1, 2002	
Peoples Bank NOW Checking	\$ 362,154.43

**RECEIPTS**

Tax Collector	\$1,821,176.13	
Town Clerk	124,956.00	
Selectmen	92,899.97	
Previous year uncashed check	8.95	
Loan Proceeds (Tax Anticipation Notes)	250,000.00	
Transfers from Trust Funds	50,128.75	
Interest on NOW Account	365.32	
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Total Receipts		\$2,339,535.12

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Orders of Selectmen	1,973,689.94	
Loan Repayments	250,000.00	
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Total Disbursements		\$2,223,689.94

Ending Cash Balance, December 31, 2002	\$ 477,999.61
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Respectfully submitted,  
Lissa M. Boissonneault  
Treasurer

**SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS**  
**Cash Basis**

Local Taxes:	
Property Taxes, Current Year	\$1,580,296.75
Yield Taxes, Current Year	4,538.59
Property Tax Interest, Current Year	1,690.10
Yield Tax Interest Current Year	3.70
Property Taxes, Prior Years	173,318.53
Property Tax Interest Prior Years	7,036.97
Lien Redemptions, Prior Years	35,209.68
Yield Taxes, Prior Years	4,721.39
Yield Tax Interest, Prior Years	1,826.32
Lien Interests and costs, Prior Years	7,441.00

Lien Interest & Penalties	4,316.42	
Tax Sales Costs	776.68	
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Total Taxes Collected		\$1,821,176.13
From Local Sources and Miscellaneous, except Taxes:		
Motor Vehicle Permits	123,135.50	
Dog Licenses, Fees, Complaints	756.50	
Marriage Licenses	225.00	
Business Licenses and Permits	590.00	
Vital Statistics	84.00	
Insufficient Fund Fees	150.00	
Federal Reimbursements	15.00	
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Total Town Clerk		124,956.00
Building Permits	1,060.00	
Cable TV Permit	546.00	
Police Department Revenue	6,708.47	
Zoning Board Fees	229.00	
Planning Board Fees	883.00	
Selectmen	381.34	
Cemetery	1,180.00	
Sale of Town Property	400.00	
Rent of Town Property	300.00	
Insurance Reimbursements	4,822.08	
School Refund	3,000.00	
Uncashed Check	8.95	
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Total Miscellaneous		22,374.84
From State:		
Highway Block	40,405.40	
Revenue Sharing Block	13,910.00	
Rooms and Meals	16,218.68	
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Total From State		70,534.08
Interest on NOW Account	365.32	
Withdrawals from Trust Funds	50,128.75	
Temporary Loans (TAN Notes)	250,000.00	
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Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue		300,494.07
Total Receipts From All Sources		2,339,535.12
Cash on Hand, January 1, 2002		362,154.43
Grand Total Of Receipts		<u><u>\$2,701,689.55</u></u>

## SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

### General Government:

Executive	\$ 31,659.81
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	13,960.90
Financial Administration	13,089.10
Revaluation of Property	5,220.00
Legal Expenses	5,674.26
General Government Buildings	31,326.18
Meetinghouse Water/Trees CRF	6,029.00
Grounds and Maintenance	23,924.29
Planning Board	1,700.51
Zoning Board of Adjustment	179.54
Advertising & Regional Associations	6,931.88
Cemeteries	299.90
Insurance	57,007.00
Payroll Taxes	12,144.72
Unemployment	83.00

Total General Government Expenses		\$209,230.09
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### Public Safety:

Police Department	71,308.50
Fire Department	27,859.50
Franconia Life Squad/Ambulance	3,000.00

Total Public Safety Expenses		102,168.00
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### Highways, Streets and Bridges:

Town Maintenance	74,300.46
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	57,869.89
Highway Block Grant	40,405.00
Highway Roadwork Fund	49,476.63
Street Lighting	6,397.85
New Truck CRF	44,099.75

Total Highways, Streets and Bridges Expenses		272,549.58
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### Sanitation:

Solid Waste Disposal	25,071.00
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Total Sanitation Expenses		25,071.00
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### Health:

Health, Hospitals	2,840.30
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Total Health Expenses		2,840.30
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### Welfare:

Assistance	680.00
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Total Welfare Expenses		680.00
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Culture and Recreation:		
Library	12,748.52	
Recreation	11,118.00	
Patriotic	300.00	
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Total Culture and Recreation Expenses		24,166.52
Conservation:		
Conservation Commission	1,899.58	
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Total Conservation Expenses		1,899.58
Debt. Service:		
Principal of Long-Term Bonds and Notes	23,333.33	
Interest Expense – Long-Term Bonds & Notes	1,677.39	
Interest Expense – Tax Anticipation Notes	1,336.58	
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Total Debt. Service Payments		26,347.30
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Article #4 Highway Equipment	20,000.00	
Article #6 Police	5,000.00	
Article #7 Fire Department	10,000.00	
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Total Capital Reserve Funds		35,000.00
Expendable Trust Funds:		
Article #9 Health Insurance	10,000.00	
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Total Expendable Trust Funds		10,000.00
Transfers to Trust Funds:		
Cemetery	400.00	
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Total Transfers to Trust Funds		400.00
Miscellaneous:		
Taxes Bought by Town	32,201.59	
Tax Refunds, Overpayments, Abatements	4,358.98	
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Total Miscellaneous Expenses		36,560.57
Unclassified:		
Payments – Tax Anticipation Notes	250,000.00	
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Total Unclassified Expenses		250,000.00
Payments to Other Government Divisions:		
Taxes Paid to County	130,338.00	
Payments to School Districts	976,500.00	
Payments to State School Tax	119,939.00	
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Total Payments to Other Government Divisions		1,226,777.00
Grand Total Of Expenditures		<hr/> \$2,223,689.94

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

### Executive:

Selectmen – Salary	3,300.00
Administrative – Salary	13,869.08
Hourly Help	4,200.00
Moderator – Salary	100.00
Workshops	153.13
Workers Compensation	31.92
Telephone	1,098.45
Computer Services	1,250.35
Mapping	1,985.00
Registry	78.93
Printing/Notices	2,006.40
Dues & Subscriptions	1,247.41
Office Supplies	1,459.10
Postage	362.00
Books & Periodicals	415.04
Miscellaneous	103.00

### Total Executive Expenses

31,659.81

### Election, Registration & Vital Statistics:

Checklist – Salary	580.00
Ballot Clerks – Salary	680.00
Town Clerk – Andross	4,971.00
Workshops	486.00
Workman's compensation	27.85
Computer Services	1,142.80
Telephone	219.15
Printing/Notices	356.72
Dues	80.00
Office Supplies	230.27
Postage	37.00
MV Fees Town & State	2,963.50
Title Fees	304.00
Vital Statistics (2001 & 2002))	604.00
Vital Fees	28.00
UCC Fees	590.00
Dog Licenses	252.50
Dog Fees	88.00
Marriage Fees	35.00
Misc. Fees (Deed Letters)	175.50
Miscellaneous	109.61

### Total Election, Registration & Vital Statistics

13,960.90

Financial Administration:		
Tax Collector- Andross	3,840.00	
Treasurer	1,200.00	
Workman's Compensation	13.93	
Auditor	1,805.00	
Assessing	1,100.00	
Bank Fees	261.19	
Telephone	212.88	
Computer Services	1,646.60	
Registry	303.87	
Office Supplies	927.81	
Dues	75.00	
Postage	834.82	
Lien Fees - Andross	868.00	
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Total Financial Administration Expenses		13,089.10
Total Revaluation		5,220.00
Total Legal Expenses		5,674.26
Payroll Taxes:		
Sugar Hill FICA (Town Contribution)	9,353.50	
Sugar Hill Medicare (Town Contribution)	2,791.22	
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Total Payroll Taxes Expense		12,144.72
Total Unemployment Expenses		83.00
Planning Board:		
Secretary – Salary	555.00	
Workshops	50.00	
Grafton County Registry	221.11	
Printing/Notices	285.30	
Postage	202.10	
Books & Periodicals	135.00	
Timber Monitor	252.00	
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Total Planning Board Expenses		1,700.51
Zoning Board:		
Secretary	40.00	
Printing/Notices	95.78	
Postage	28.76	
Books & Periodicals	15.00	
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Total Zoning Board Expenses		179.54



Government Buildings:		
Card Salary	8,245.42	
Workers Compensation	255.41	
Telephone	728.98	
Electricity	2,535.59	
Heating Oil	3,557.73	
Maintenance – Purchased	2,410.84	
Supplies	959.85	
Rent	6,000.00	
Maintenance & Repairs	6,632.36	
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Total Government Buildings Expenses		31,326.18
Grounds & Maintenance:		
Card – Salary	20,133.34	
Workers Compensation	255.41	
Telephone	47.00	
Gasoline	795.21	
Groundskeeping	1,626.12	
Vehicle Repair	755.26	
New Equipment	311.95	
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Total Grounds & Maintenance Expenses		23,924.29
Meetinghouse Capital Reserve (Tress, Water System)		6,029.00
Cemeteries:		
Maintenance	299.90	
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Total Cemeteries Expenses		299.90
Insurance:		
Health – Building & Grounds	8,817.36	
Highway	18,727.33	
Police	11,903.40	
Retiree	4,822.08	
Dental (All Departments)	1,401.85	
Property Liability	11,334.98	
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Total Insurance Expenses		57,007.00
Total Advertising & Regional Associations Expenses		6,931.88

Ambulance:

Ross Ambulance	1,500.00
Franconia Life Squad	1,500.00

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Total Ambulance Expenses

3,000.00

Police Department:

Jose L. Pequeno, Chief Salary	38,426.24
Part Time Officers	1,365.51
Special Detail	2,970.00
Prosecutor	3,000.00
Police Retirement	2,219.05
Workshops	1,005.00
Workers Compensation	438.82
Training	848.43
8123 Line	642.00
Telephone	1,944.38
Computer Services	3,739.00
Dispatch Service	4,204.80
Medical Services	112.58
Uniforms	2,128.76
Dues	100.00
Office Supplies	601.34
Radio Maintenance	254.10
New & Replacement Equipment	2,789.48
Postage	106.10
Gasoline	1,838.47
Vehicle Maintenance	2,361.10
Books & Periodicals	213.34

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Total Police Department Expenses

71,308.50

Fire Department:

Salaries	9,717.50
Workers Compensation	219.41
Training	1,259.00
Telephone	409.16
Information Line 8123	641.00
Computer Services	939.75
Dispatching Services	467.20
Electricity	686.92
Heating Oil	1,930.52
Building Maintenance	1,032.79
Uniforms & Protective Clothing	831.64
Dues	524.03
Supplies	349.21
Office Supplies	12.36
Postage	62.75

Diesel Fuel	338.71	
Vehicle Maintenance	4,064.00	
Equipment Maintenance	1,314.95	
Radio Maintenance	593.73	
Books & Periodicals	42.74	
New & Replacement Equipment	2,209.27	
Miscellaneous	212.86	
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Total Fire Department Expenses		27,859.50
Town Maintenance:		
Douglas Glover – Salary	40,047.72	
James A. Cyrs	24,467.94	
Roger Odell	1,794.00	
Albert Morin	3,383.63	
Retirement	2,671.27	
Workers Compensation	1,935.90	
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Total Town Maintenance		74,300.46
General Highway Department:		
Engineering	2,246.50	
Telephone	1,256.03	
Computer	450.00	
Medical Services	54.75	
Electricity	1,810.32	
Heating Oil	1,271.58	
Building Maintenance	767.58	
Equipment Rental	548.97	
Uniforms	1,543.78	
Dues	45.00	
Office Supplies	55.83	
Shop Supplies	1,008.29	
Gasoline	1,202.60	
Propane	117.70	
Diesel Fuel	5,432.83	
Vehicle Maintenance	12,618.35	
Equipment Maintenance	11,458.85	
Radio Maintenance	1,160.46	
Street Maintenance	13,872.91	
Street Signs	250.00	
New Equipment	76.51	
Streeter Trees, Plantings	621.05	
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Total General Highway Department		57,869.89
Roadwork Fund		49,476.63



Highway Dept. Capital Reserve Expended:		
Truck		44,099.75
Total Street Lighting Expenses		6,397.85
Total Highway Block Grant Expenses		40,405.00
Total Solid Waster Disposal Expenses		25,071.00
Total Health & Hospitals Agencies Expenses		2,840.30
Total Welfare Expenses		680.00
Total Parks & Recreation Expenses		11,118.00
Library:		
Librarian – Salary	5,212.83	
Workmans Compensation	13.92	
Telephone	472.46	
Computer	83.80	
Dues	35.00	
Supplies	336.37	
Postage	78.00	
Books & Periodicals	6,516.14	
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Total Library Expenses		12,748.52
Patriotic		300.00
Conservation Commission:		
Timber Monitor	60.90	
Office	259.40	
Postage	254.28	
Workshop	145.00	
Mapping	1,180.00	
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Total Conservation Commission Expenses		1,899.58
Total Long Term Notes Payment		23,333.33
Total Interest – Long Term Notes		1,677.39
Total Tax Anticipation Notes Payment		250,000.00
Total Interest – Tax Anticipation Notes		1,336.58

Transfers – Capital Reserve Funds:		
Highway Department	20,000.00	
Fire Department	10,000.00	
Police Department	5,000.00	
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Total Transfers – Capital Reserve Funds		35,000.00
Transfers – Trust Funds:		
Cemetery	400.00	
Expendable Health	10,000.00	
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Total Transfers – Trust Funds		10,400.00
Total Taxes Paid – County		130,338.00
Total Taxes Paid – School District		976,500.00
Total Taxes Paid – State School Tax		119,939.00
Total Tax Refunds, Abatements, Overpayments		4,358.98
Total Taxes Bought by Town		32,201.59
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Total Detailed Expenses		2,223,689.94

The enclosed reports are from the Trustees of the Trust Funds for the year 2002.

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS  
Report of the Trust Funds - December 31, 2002

		P R I N C I P A L					I N C O M E					GRAND
Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	TOTAL END OF YEAR	
06/1/976	Highway Dept. CRF	\$ 24,260.12	\$20,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 44,099.75	\$ 160.37	\$ 195.85	\$ 240.25	\$ 0.00	\$ 436.10	\$ 596.47	
06/23/76	Police Department CRF	17,603.94	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	22,603.94	1,902.18	295.80	0.00	2,197.98	24,801.92	
12/31/91	Meetinghouse CRF	11,406.95	0.00	0.00	6,029.00	5,377.95	383.92	176.25	0.00	560.17	5,938.12	
07/1/993	Fire Department CRF	15,963.27	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	25,963.27	1,326.78	266.08	0.00	1,592.86	27,556.13	
03/17/99	Highway Dept. Roadwork CRF	690.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	690.45	47.65	11.02	0.00	58.67	749.12	
TOTAL CAPITAL												
RESERVE FUNDS		\$ 69,924.73	\$35,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 50,128.75	\$ 54,795.98	\$ 3,856.38	\$ 989.40	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,845.78	\$ 59,641.76	
EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS												
12/6/02	Employee Health Insurance	\$ 0.00	\$10,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 7.22	\$ 0.00	\$ 7.22	\$ 10,007.22	

All Funds Invested 100%.  
All Funds are Bank Deposits at Connecticut River Bank N.A. or PDIP.



# CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

## Report of the Trust Funds - December 31, 2002

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	PRINCIPAL					INCOME					GRAND TOTAL END OF YEAR
		Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year		
10/09/75	Sunnyside Care Trust (1)	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 2,844.77	\$ 222.42	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,067.19	\$ 15,067.19	
09/21/73	Louise Leavitt Trust (1)	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	380.89	13.34	0.00	394.23	894.23	
11/05/43	Annie Bowles Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	87.34	3.82	0.00	91.16	241.16	
11/03/37	Frank E. Bowles Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	87.34	3.82	0.00	91.16	241.16	
10/18/56	J. L. & Gertrude Bowles Trust (1)	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	48.13	3.16	0.00	51.29	151.29	
07/11/84	Hersom Murray Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	51.61	3.77	0.00	55.38	205.38	
10/09/75	Anker Trust (2)	3,100.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,100.79	567.79	54.80	0.00	622.59	3,723.38	
10/09/75	Sunnyside Cemetery Fund (3)	15,248.09	400.00	0.00	0.00	15,648.09	3,567.62	282.45	0.00	3,850.07	19,498.16	

- (1) Interest only may be used for lot care.  
 (2) Funds may be used at discretion of Cemetery Trustees.  
 (3) Funds may only be used for Sunnyside Maintenance.  
 All Funds Invested 100%.  
 All Funds are deposited in PDIP.

# LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

## Report of the Trust Funds - December 31, 2002

### PRINCIPAL

### INCOME

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	Gains or (Losses) on				Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	GRAND TOTAL END OF YEAR
		Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Sale of Securities	Withdrawals						
10/09/75	Gladys Jesseman Memorial Trust	\$ 1,841.23	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,841.23	\$ 77.70	\$ 28.74	\$ 0.00	\$ 106.44	\$ 1,947.67
09/21/73	Fredericka Harnes Fund	1,564.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,564.10	233.80	26.74	0.00	260.54	1,824.64
11/05/43	Alice Smith Fund	903.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	903.50	134.88	15.26	0.00	150.14	1,053.64
1/22/2001*	Richardson Memorial Trust	69,765.79	976.72	0.00	0.00	70,742.51	658.41	1,054.65	976.72	736.34	71,478.85

TOTAL LIBRARY

TRUST FUNDS

\$ 74,074.62	\$ 976.72	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,104.79	\$ 1,125.39	\$ 976.72	\$ 1,253.46	\$ 76,304.80
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All Funds Invested 100%.  
All Funds are deposited in PDIP.  
\*2002 COLA of 1.4%

Respectfully,  
Laurence S. Ring  
Chairman, Trustees of Trust Funds

## **CEMETERY TRUSTEES' REPORT**

The major task of developing and completing a drainage system for Sunnyside Cemetery is completed and the new section has been graded for lot and road assignments.

The iron gate at the lower end of the Sunnyside Cemetery has been in need of repair for several years. There were several support bars missing and others that needed welding. A welder was identified and the gate is fully operational. The roadway below the Hearse House and the rock-covered area over the drain leading to the storm drain is narrow and a short rail fence was put up to guide traffic past the house. Mulch was put over the open ground, and several lilac trees and lilies were planted. The lilacs were cost free from the State.

The Trustees also had other tree pruning done and continued to maintain the good appearance of the cemetery. Many of these were identified by our annual walkthrough of the cemeteries to identify specific monuments to be straightened or repaired as well as other problems. Experts were called on to make these corrections.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurence S. Ring  
Chairman

## **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Despite the fact the old computer crashed the 1st day of auditing, we got it done by January 30. All balanced. Earliest ever to be completed. Bit Andross & Jennifer Gaudette have things well under control. Even Ralph Brigida was happy. The job of Auditor is so much easier because all bugs in the computer are worked out. It's been a long haul.

The Administrative Assistant and the Town Clerk need more help. The Selectmen are looking into the matter.

The Town ended up with a good surplus. Very fine job by all departments in keeping expenses down.

It should be noted that property tax liens of prior years have been reduced from about \$57,000 last year down to \$17,000 this year. The Tax Collector and the Selectmen are to be commended for this excellent reduction.

Respectfully submitted,  
William Pinney  
Volunteer Town Auditor



## **TOWN OF SUGAR HILL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Sugar Hill, in the County of Grafton, and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, will be held at the Meetinghouse on Tuesday, March 11, 2003, at 7:30 p.m., to act on the following subjects:

Polls will open at 11 a.m. for voting by ballot on Article 1 (the election of Town Officers) and Articles 2-11 (2003 Zoning Amendments). Polls will close at 7:30 p.m. unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour. All other Articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon starting at 7:30 p.m.

**ARTICLE 1:** To vote by nonpartisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

- One Selectman to serve for a term of three (3) years
- A Town Treasurer to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Town Clerk to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Tax Collector to serve for a term of one (1) year
- An Overseer of Public Welfare to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Library Trustee to serve for a term of three (3) years
- A Town Auditor to serve for a term of one (1) year
- One Trustee of Trust Funds to serve for a term of three (3) years
- Two Zoning Board of Adjustment Members to serve for terms of three (3) years
- Two Board of Cemetery Trustees to serve for a term of three (3) years
- And such other Town Officers as may be required by law.

**ARTICLE 2:** To see whether the Town will vote to adopt Zoning Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board. The following question will appear on the official ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town’s Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

“Amendment No. 1 contains a number of administrative changes and clarifications which make the Zoning Ordinance internally consistent and consistent with changes in state law, but which are not intended to alter any substantive legal rights of the land owners of Sugar Hill. These changes include eliminating duplicate sections, adding internal cross-references, adding references to state law, clarifying definitions, making procedures consistent with state law, and adding requirements to the body of the Ordinance which were previously contained only in term definitions.”

**ARTICLE 3:** To see whether the Town will vote to adopt Zoning Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board. The following question will appear on the official ballot:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town’s Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

“Amendment No. 2 limits the number of new lots which can be created on a right-of-way which does not meet Town road standards. No more than one such lot can be served by such a right-of-way. The Planning Board is given discretion to determine what standards the right-of-way shall be built to, and may refuse to allow such a lot of it creates an illogical development pattern. This amendment also adds reference to state laws governing creation of new lots.”

**ARTICLE 4:** To see whether the Town will vote to adopt Zoning Amendment No. 3, as proposed by the Planning Board. The following question will appear on the official ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town’s Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

“This amendment eliminates the location requirements for non-commercial radio and TV antennas, but requires any such antenna exceeding the height limit of 35 feet to get a Special Exception from the Zoning Board of Adjustment.”

**ARTICLE 5:** To see whether the Town will vote to adopt Zoning Amendment No. 4, as proposed by the Planning Board. The following question will appear on the official ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town’s Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

“This amendment eliminates 70 decibels as a fixed noise standard in the Town and instead prohibits any noise which is “noxious, injurious or objectionable” outside the property, regardless of the decibel level. Normal residential or business activities complying with the Noise Ordinance are not restricted. Uncertain cases would be decided by the Zoning Officer, or by appeal to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.”

**ARTICLE 6:** To see whether the Town will vote to adopt Zoning Amendment No. 5, as proposed by the Planning Board. The following question will appear on the official ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town’s Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

“This amendment addresses three issues controlled by state laws which leave certain options up to the Town. Specifically this amendment prohibits aircraft takeoff and landing within the Town (RSA 674:16, V), prohibits new junkyards within the Town (RSA 236:112), and requires all governmental land uses (RSA 674:54) proposed by the Town itself to comply with the Zoning Ordinance unless exempted by Town Meeting vote.”

**ARTICLE 7:** To see whether the Town will vote to adopt Zoning Amendment No. 6, as proposed by the Planning Board. The following question will appear on the official ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of the Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town’s Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

“Under this amendment, whenever the Planning Board allows a lot to be created which is less than the minimum lot size, but restricted in its use, as set forth in existing Section 403 of the Ordinance, the use restrictions will be required to be recorded in the Registry of Deeds.”

**ARTICLE 8:** To see whether the Town will vote to adopt Zoning Amendment No. 7, as proposed by the Planning Board. The following questions will appear on the official ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town’s Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

“Under this amendment, whenever a cluster development is created, the parcel to remain in open space shall provide one or more listed public benefits of open space. Also, the requirement that the open space be held as common land is eliminated, however the use restrictions on the open space parcel must be recorded at the Registry of Deeds.”

**ARTICLE 9:** To see whether the Town will vote to adopt Zoning Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board. The following questions will appear on the official ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town’s Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

“This amendment makes it clear that the term “water recreation and storage facilities” - a use allowed by Special Exception - does not include commercial water bottling, trucking, or sales facilities.”

**ARTICLE 10:** To see whether the Town will vote to adopt Zoning Amendment No. 9, as proposed by the Planning Board. The following question will appear on the official ballot.

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town’s Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

“This amendment eliminates the existing definition of “Family unrelated,” which purported to impose additional bedroom and parking requirements, and water/sewer review, for persons living in the same household who are not blood relatives.”

**ARTICLE 11:** To see whether the Town will vote to adopt Zoning amendment No. 10 as proposed by the Planning Board. The following question will appear on the official ballot.

“Are you in favor of Amendment No. 10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town’s Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

“This amendment updates the Sugar Hill definition of “agriculture” to be consistent with state law, RSA 21:34-a, and also requires any new or expanded farm stand or other retail operation, and any new or expanded operation involving the keeping of animals, to get a Special Exception from the Zoning Board of Adjustment.”

**ARTICLE 12:** To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges and make appropriations of the same as set forth in the following budget:

Executive .....	\$ 35,900.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics .....	17,075.00
Payroll Taxes .....	16,400.00
Financial Administration .....	20,140.00
Revaluation of Property.....	5,220.00
Legal Expenses .....	6,000.00
Planning Board .....	3,000.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment .....	800.00
Insurance .....	65,500.00
General Government Buildings .....	31,650.00
Buildings & Grounds .....	23,875.00
Cemetery .....	2,000.00
Advertising & Regional Associations .....	6,978.00
North Country Council .....	978.00
Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce .....	6,000.00
Police Department .....	86,800.00
Fire Department.....	30,133.00
Ambulance .....	3,000.00
Ross Ambulance .....	1,500.00
Life Squad .....	1,500.00
Civil Defense .....	100.00
Town Maintenance .....	79,900.00
General Highway Department Expense .....	61,480.00
Highway Block Grant .....	42,775.00
Street Lighting .....	7,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal .....	29,500.00
Health, Hospitals.....	3,040.00
Welfare .....	2,500.00
Tri County Cap .....	500.00
Unemployment .....	100.00
Library .....	13,133.00
Parks and Recreation .....	13,150.00
Patriotic Purposes .....	300.00
Conservation Commission .....	2,000.00
Principal of Long-Term Notes .....	9,000.00
Interest Expense-Long-Term Notes .....	3,000.00
Interest Expense-Tax Anticipation Notes .....	4,000.00
Total Appropriations .....	\$ 625,449.00

The Selectmen recommend these Appropriations.



**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to withdraw the accumulated income from the Cemetery Trust Funds.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be used for Highway Department Roadwork. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the fund is expended or in 3 years, whichever is less. (Majority vote required)

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$12,700) for the replacement of the furnace and to drill a well at the Sugar Hill Fire Station.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to eliminate the Town Employee Health Insurance Deductible Trust Fund and place the balance in the General Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Eight Thousand One Hundred Eighty Six Dollars (\$38,186) for the purpose of hiring an additional officer for the Sugar Hill Police Department. This amount will be reduced by \$30,00 in federal funds received from a UHP Grant.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000) in support of the Franconia Children's Center.

The Selectmen do not recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to send the following resolution to the New Hampshire General Court: Resolved, in its first two years of operation, The Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) has helped communities throughout New Hampshire preserve their natural, cultural and historic resources and, therefore, the State of New Hampshire should maintain funding for LCHIP in its next biennial budget.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.



**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution: That we, the citizens of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, call on our elected officials from all levels of government, and those seeking office, to work with consumers, businesses, and health care providers to ensure that:

Everyone, including the self-employed, unemployed, un- and underinsured, and small business owners has access to an affordable basic health plan similar to what federal employees receive;

Everyone, including employers, consumers, and the state, local and federal government makes a responsible and fair contribution to finance the health care system;

Everyone receives high quality care that is cost efficient and medically effective; and that these efforts help control the skyrocketing cost of health care.

(Article by petition)

**ARTICLE 25:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 24th day of February, Two Thousand and Three.

Harry L. Reid  
John J. Strasser, III  
Richard Bielefield  
Sugar Hill Board of Selectmen

## RETURN OF POSTING

We hereby attest that the within Warrant is a true copy of the Warrant for the Town Meeting described therein, and further certify that we have caused to be posted an attested copy of this Warrant at the place of the Meeting and a like copy in one other public place in the Town of Sugar Hill, namely the Sugar Hill Post Office fourteen (14) days before the day of the Meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2003, not counting the day of posting or the day of the Meeting.

Harry L. Reid  
John J. Strasser, III  
Richard Bielefield  
Sugar Hill Board of Selectmen

This Warrant and Return of Posting has been duly recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, this 24th day of February, 2003.

Elizabeth Coombs Andross  
Town Clerk

**BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL - REVENUE**  
**(Modified Accrual Basis)**

<b>SOURCES OF REVENUE</b>	<b>Estimated 2002</b>	<b>Actual 2002</b>	<b>Estimated 2003</b>
Taxes:			
Yield Taxes	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 10,149.00	\$ 2,500.00
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	10,000.00	25,558.00	10,500.00
Land Use Change Tax	7,000.00	4,200.00	2,500.00
Excavation Tax	90.00	0.00	0.00
Intergovernmental Revenues - State:			
Shared Revenue - Block Grant	6,278.00	13,910.00	13,910.00
Highway Block Grant	40,405.00	40,405.00	42,775.00
Rooms & Meals	16,219.00	16,219.00	16,219.00
Other Government:	3,000.00	0.00	0.00
Licenses and Permits:			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	120,000.00	120,127.00	120,000.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	1,500.00	4,829.00	1,500.00
Building Permits	500.00	1,060.00	600.00
Business Licenses & Permits	240.00	546.00	200.00
From Federal Governemnt:	0.00	0.00	30,000.00
Charges For Services:			
Income From Departments	8,500.00	12,528.00	10,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue:			
Interests on Deposits	250.00	366.00	250.00
Sale of Municipal Property	0.00	400.00	0.00
Other Refunds & Insurance			
Reimbursements	4,800.00	5,131.00	5,500.00
Other Financing Sources:			
Withdrawals - Trust/Agency Funds	0.00	0.00	12,00.00
Total Revenues and Credits	<u>\$ 231,282.00</u>	<u>\$ 255,428.00</u>	<u>\$ 268,454.00</u>

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL - EXPENDITURES

## (Modified Accrual Basis)

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION	Appropriation 2002	Actual 2002	Estimated 2003
General Government:			
Executive	\$ 33,100.00	\$ 31,660.00	\$ 35,900.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	16,000.00	14,052.00	17,075.00
Financial Administration	17,400.00	12,180.00	20,140.00
Revaluation of Property	5,220.00	5,220.00	5,220.00
Personnel Administration	14,000.00	12,145.00	16,400.00
Legal Expenses	8,000.00	5,412.00	6,000.00
General Government & Buildings & Grounds	60,025.00	55,282.00	55,525.00
Cemeteries	2,500.00	300.00	2,000.00
Planning & Zoning	3,800.00	1,880.00	3,800.00
Insurance	47,380.00	57,007.00	65,500.00
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	6,932.00	6,932.00	6,978.00
Unemployment Compensation	100.00	83.00	100.00
Public Safety:			
Police Department	82,500.00	71,385.00	86,800.00
Fire Department	27,500.00	27,857.00	30,133.00
Life Squad - Ross Ambulance	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Civil Defense	100.00	0.00	100.00
Highways, Streets and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance	68,250.00	74,301.00	79,900.00
General Highway	115,600.00	107,348.00	61,480.00
Highway Block Grant	40,405.00	40,405.00	42,775.00
Street Lighting	11,000.00	6,398.00	7,000.00
Sanitation:			
Solid Waste Disposal	25,000.00	25,071.00	29,500.00
Health:			
Health and Hospitals	2,840.00	2,840.00	3,040.00
Welfare:			
Town Poor	2,000.00	680.00	2,500.00
Culture and Recreation:			
Library	13,000.00	12,750.00	13,133.00
Parks & Recreation & YMCA	13,550.00	11,118.00	13,150.00
Patriotic Purposes	300.00	300.00	300.00
Conservation:			
Conservation Commission	2,000.00	1,899.00	2,000.00

Debt Service:			
Principal on Long Term Notes	24,083.00	23,333.00	9,000.00
Interest Long Term Notes	3,000.00	1,677.00	3,000.00
Interest Tax Anticipation Notes	4,000.00	1,337.00	4,000.00
Other Debt Service	0.00	54.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out:			
To Capital Reserve Funds	35,000.00	35,000.00	
To Exp Trust	10,000.00	10,400.00	
Grand Total	<u>\$697,585.00</u>	<u>\$660,145.00</u>	<u>\$625,449.00</u>
Special Warrant Articles Recommended			105,000.00
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended			50,886.00
Total Appropriations Recommended			\$781,335.00
Less Estimated Revenues and Credits			<u>-268,454.00</u>
Amount Of Taxes To Be Raised (Exclusive of School and County Taxes)			\$512,881.00



**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF  
APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES  
(Year Ending December 31, 2002)**

	Appropriation 2002	Actual 2002	Unexpended or Overdrafts
Executive	\$ 33,100.00	\$ 31,659.81	\$ 1,440.19
Election, Reg & Vital Statistics	16,000.00	13,960.90	2,039.10
Financial Administration	17,400.00	13,089.10	4,310.90
Revaluation of Property	5,220.00	5,220.00	0.00
Payroll Taxes	14,000.00	12,144.72	1,855.28
Legal Expenses	8,000.00	5,674.26	2,325.74
Government Buildings	41,525.00	31,326.18	10,198.82
Buildings & Grounds	18,500.00	23,924.29	(5,424.29)
Cemeteries	2,500.00	299.90	2,200.10
Planning Board	3,000.00	1,700.51	1,299.49
Zoning Board	800.00	179.54	620.46
Insurance	47,380.00	57,007.00	(9,627.00)
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	6,932.00	6,931.88	.12
Unemployment Compensation	100.00	83.00	17.00
Police Department	82,500.00	71,308.50	11,191.50
Fire Department	27,500.00	27,859.50	(359.50)
Life Squad-Ambulance	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Civil Defense	100.00	0.00	100.00
Town Maintenance	68,250.00	74,300.46	(6,050.46)
General Highway	65,600.00	57,869.89	7,730.11
Highway Block	40,405.00	40,405.00	0.00
Street Lighting	11,000.00	6,397.85	4,602.15
Solid Waste Disposal	25,000.00	25,071.00	(71.00)
Welfare	2,000.00	680.00	1,320.00
Library	13,000.00	12,748.52	251.48
Parks & Recreation	13,400.00	10,968.00	2,432.00
Patriotic Purposes	300.00	300.00	0.00
Conservation Commission	2,000.00	1,899.58	100.42
Principal Long Term Notes	24,083.00	23,333.33	749.67
Interest Long Term Notes	3,000.00	1,677.39	1,322.61
Interest Tax Anticipation Notes	4,000.00	1,336.58	2,663.42
	<u>599,595.00</u>	<u>562,356.69</u>	<u>37,238.31</u>
Capital Reserve Funds	35,000.00	35,000.00	0.00
Article #9 Health Trust	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Article #5 Roadwork	50,000.00	49,476.63	523.37
Articles #11,12,15-17 Health Agencies	2,990.30	2,990.30	0.00
Grand Total	<u>\$697,585.30</u>	<u>\$649,823.62</u>	<u>\$ 47,761.68</u>

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

This year the Selectmen's office was occupied with typical local issues but faced a few situations that required some legal research and deliberation. Many of our local residents sought to preserve the Sunset Hill Golf Course while protecting it and the adjacent land from potential building development. The challenge of how to achieve this while granting the Golf Course owners a partial easement of property taxes kept the Town's legal consultant busy for several weeks. We have noted that our residents did show an interest in proposed zoning changes, which were partially rewritten to simplify and clarify their original intent. This shows that there is a real interest in preserving the appearance of the Town and restates the overall reasons why we like living here.

As another year passes, the Selectmen's office finds itself dealing with many new rules and regulations issued by Concord. The Department of Revenue Administration issues changes on what seems to be a weekly schedule! These changes continue to slowly increase the amount of paperwork added to the already complex stack that we dig through every year.

On the subject of Concord, the State School Tax continues to be a topic that is very much unappreciated by the residents of so called "donor towns", a group to which the Town of Sugar Hill, unfortunately, belongs. The Selectmen are pursuing two different avenues as ways to keep our property taxes from further escalation- as stated in last year's report, we have joined the Coalition of Donor Communities in an effort to have our opinions heard in the State Legislature. Additionally, at the suggestion of a town resident, we are also contemplating another action that is currently being examined by our legal counsel.

2002 also marked the year that saw the Tax Collector's office bring nearly all delinquent property taxes up to date. It was an unenviable task but one that ensures that the tax burden is shared by all property owners while keeping the tax rate as low a practical.

Traveling in our town continues to be a more pleasant journey due to the hard work by our Highway Department. Our Road Agent, Doug Glover, has refined his department's procedures into a step-by-step, town wide plan. Continued careful spending in the present will pay off with better, easier to maintain roads in the not too distant future.

As always, we greatly appreciate the people who form the Fire Department, Police Department, Library, Town Building Maintenance, Highway Department, as well as the several other administrative Boards and individuals- whether it is in a paid or volunteer capacity. Thank you for all that you do for the Town of Sugar Hill.

The Selectmen also want to express our appreciation for all the work that Jennifer Gaudette and Bit Andross do in Town Hall. They are incredibly well organized and even with the huge volume of paperwork, make it look easy. Thanks, ladies.

## TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION

The staff of the Tri-Town Transfer Station would like to thank you, our customers, for another successful year. During 2002 the paper recycling markets experienced a nice upward trend. For example, the market value of corrugated cardboard went from \$30 per ton in March to a peak of \$125 per ton in mid-July. As a result, recycling revenues jumped from \$9,158 in 2001 to \$17,617 in 2002. Had we not recycled these materials, they would have cost \$27,133 to landfill, making the total value of our recycling program \$44,750. The amount of materials recycled rose to 403 tons, giving us a recycling rate of 44%.

We recycled:

- 228 tons of paper products;
- 15 tons of plastic;
- 2 tons of aluminum cans;
- 12 tons of steel cans;
- 36 tons of scrap metal; and
- 110 tons of glass.

We sent 520 tons of green bag material (trash to be landfilled) to the Bethlehem landfill at a cost of \$38,521. Due to the increased property tax assessment of the Bethlehem landfill, our disposal vendor, North Country Environmental Services, increased disposal fees by \$2.56 per ton. The 2003 budget absorbs this increase for green bag material - there will not be any increase in green bag prices - but we will be raising disposal rates for construction and demolition debris.

After the affirmative votes at last year's town meetings, Franconia, Sugar Hill, and Easton all became members of the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District. Our Pemi-Baker dues paid for the fall Household Hazardous Waste collection in Littleton, an electronics recycling collection, and the recycling of the fluorescent bulbs, paint, and rechargeable batteries collected at the transfer station. Pemi-Baker will be sponsoring another electronics recycling day on April 26, 2003. The 2003 Littleton Household Hazardous Waste collection will be held on June 21. Both events will be held at the Littleton Fire Station. Please contact us at the transfer station for more information.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Marshall,  
Transfer Station Manager

## TRANSFER STATION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Beginning Balance		\$ 0.00
Deposits:		
Town of Franconia	43,917.00	
Town of Sugar Hill (1999)	434.00	
Town of Sugar Hill (2000)	25,212.00	
Town of Easton	12,199.00	
Stickers (Town of Franconia)	276.00	
PAYT Fees (1999)	6,405.00	
PAYT Fess (2000)	66,747.00	
Special Handling Fees	9,642.00	
Recycled Material	11,215.00	176,047.00
Withdrawals:		
Solid Waste Disposal	43,140.00	
Operating Expenses	14,018.00	
Wages, Benefits, Payroll Taxes	73,330.00	130,488.00
Ending Balance		\$ 45,559.00



## **PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT 2002 ANNUAL REPORT**

2002 was an exciting and busy year for the District. First, the District added seven new communities. They were the towns of Easton, Franconia, Landaff, Lisbon, Littleton, Lyman and Sugar Hill giving the District a total of twenty members. The District also expanded its household hazardous waste (HHW) program, continued to collect oil-based paint and fluorescent light bulbs, while holding its first ever electronics recycling collection program.

The District continued its support of proper household hazardous waste management by coordinating five (5) one-day collection events. In the spring, the District held one collection in Plymouth and in the fall, held collections in Littleton, Plymouth, Rumney, and Campton/Thornton. Through these collections the District was able to recycle or properly dispose of over 7,000 gallons of material. Over 500 households participated in this program. The District also recycled over 20,000 feet of fluorescent light bulbs that were collected at individual transfer stations throughout the year. The District received \$8,206.45 in grant funds from the State of NH's Household Hazardous Waste Program to help offset some of the program's costs.

2002 also saw the District coordinate and sponsor its first every electronics recycling program, with emphasis being placed on the collection of televisions and computer monitors. These two items contain a cathode ray tube (CRT), which is commonly referred to as the "picture tube". CRT's become waste management issues because they contain lead. A typical 27" TV contains 8 pounds of lead. If CRT's are disposed of in landfills and incinerators, it increases the likelihood of contaminating groundwater, surface water and air resources.

Realizing the need to offer its citizens a means to recycle televisions, computer monitors and other electronics, the District held two one-day electronics recycling collections in July, one in Littleton and the other in Plymouth. Residents were asked to pay a fee for each electronics item they brought for recycling. The total amount collected for the two days was over 15,000 pounds. It was a very successful program when compared to the results of similar programs held this past year in New Hampshire and Vermont.

In 2003, the District plans to hold HHW collections in the spring (Littleton and Campton/Thornton) and in the fall (Plymouth). It will continue to coordinate the year-round collection of oil-base paint and fluorescent light bulbs and plans to hold electronics recycling collections again as well. The District takes very seriously the need to decrease the toxicity of our solid waste stream. Through these programs we feel we are serving the needs of our citizens while at the same time doing so in a cost effective manner. The District will continue to promote its cooperative approach to solid waste and recycling as well. Without a doubt, District communities can minimize the costs of these programs when they work together.

Citizens interested in participating in the development of the District's programs are welcome to attend the District meetings. Information regarding the place and time of the meetings is available at all municipal offices.

Respectfully submitted,  
R. Marsh Morgan, Jr.  
PBSWD Chairman

## PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board held monthly public hearings throughout the year concerning land subdivision, voluntary mergers of contiguous lots owned by the same entity, and lot-line adjustments between abutters.

The Planning Board also dedicated many hours over the 12 months of the year to do a complete overview of Sugar Hill's Zoning Regulations. Our zoning regulations had not been substantially reviewed or revised in many years. The Planning Board felt that many sections of the existing regulations were obsolete with current conditions, inconsistent with current State RSA's, and/or contradictory with actual application of the regulations.

The Board, working with Town Attorney Bernie Waugh, revised and improved the Zoning Regulations. After conducting two public hearings to review these changes, the final recommended changes were summarized in Ballot Articles to be presented to the Town's voters for the 2003 Town Meeting.

In 2003 the Planning Board will review the Town's Subdivision Regulations as well as developing an ordinance that will regulate cell towers.

The Planning Board meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM in the Crapo Memorial Building. Townspeople are welcome to attend meetings and public input is always appreciated. Individuals who are interested in serving on the Planning Board should write the Selectboard a letter expressing their interest in serving as an alternate or regular member of the Planning Board.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Coyle  
Chairman

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

The conclusion of 2002 marked my first complete budget year with the Town of Sugar Hill. I have greatly enjoyed working within the community and look forward to building the future. The Police Department has seen a rise in calls for service and offenses within the Town of Sugar Hill this past year. This came on top of being short staffed, as we unfortunately were not able to utilize our part time officers due to their full time jobs. As of August we were finally able to get a second part time officer hired but, unfortunately, he was not able to begin working until December. I am also in the process of looking into the possibility of hiring a third part time officer to share the part time hours and have a larger pool of employees to work the available hours. The Sugar Hill Police Department is also in the process, through grant applications, to improve the computer system in conjunction with the Lisbon and Franconia Police Departments. This is similar to the grant that was awarded to the departments in 1999. The grant application has been completed and we are now in the waiting stages. This grant would allow all three departments to upgrade their current operating systems and allow for an update to the software being used to assist in the dissemination of information to area departments and to the state for required reports. Let's keep our fingers crossed and hope for the best.

To return to the topic of activity for the department; as stated offenses and calls for service have seen a rise this year. One of the most remembered cases this year was the theft of a truck from a local resident. Thanks to the assistance of multiple community members looking out for each other and passing on information to the police, the truck was located within a short period of time and returned to its rightful owners. The list of community members that assisted is long and many were anonymous, however, the Police Department would especially like to thank the Sugar Hill Highway Department employees, Doug Glover and Jim Cyr, Jr., for their assistance, as it was invaluable and led to the prime suspect. The department also saw its share of serious motor vehicle accidents this year and would like to thank the Sugar Hill Fire Department for their assistance and the professionalism they displayed, especially, at the incidents on Toad Hill Road and Route 18.

This year I would like to do something different and have a comparison displayed for the year 2002 and previous years. The computer system was first utilized for the year 1999. Therefore, I will display the department activity from 1999 through to the present.

	1999	2000	2001-DH	2001-JP	2002
Total Offenses	127	186	114	114	251
Total Incidents	105	149	70	29	207
Arrests	5	10	1	5	15
Traffic Citations/Warnings	97	173	33	86	172
MV Accidents	9	12	6	1	8
Medical Assists	14	7	5	5	11

These numbers represent the statistics for the Chief of Police only. They do not take into account the statistics for the part time officers. The only numbers that include those from part time officers are the total offenses and medical assists. I have also heard complaints in regards to the number of calls covered in Sugar Hill by the New Hampshire State Police and or Franconia Police Department. I have gone through our dispatch logs for the entire year and have found 31 calls that were given to and covered by the NH State Police during the year 2002. I have also researched the amount of calls that Franconia has either assisted with or covered in Sugar Hill. During the 2002 year Franconia has assisted me with 8 calls (These are calls that I covered and they came to assist). Franconia covered a total of 5 calls without my response. Franconia has also assisted State Police on 4 occasions in Sugar Hill (one including both the SP and myself). I have in turn assisted Franconia Police on 36 different occasions throughout 2002. I hope these figures clarify any questions. If you still have questions in regards to these figures or anything else, please feel free to contact me.

In closing, I want to thank the residents of Sugar Hill for a wonderful year and for accepting my family and myself with open arms, especially by inviting my children to your wonderful Christmas party and 4th of July celebration. I am looking forward to the year ahead.

Respectfully submitted  
Jose L. Pequeno  
Chief of Police



## SUGAR HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Although we had 20% fewer runs in 2002, we experienced two of the worst structure fires in over a decade. In April, J.C. Plumbing & Heating lost their office and shop building, and a month later, the Venezia residence on the Easton Rd. was destroyed. Fortunately, there were no injuries in either fire.

During 2002 we responded to 33 incidents, compared to 40 in 2001, and 53 in 2000. Below is the breakdown of runs in 2002.

Structure Fires	2
Chimney Fires	3
Power line problems	2
Fire Alarm Activations (no fires)	5
Motor Vehicle Accidents	6
Hazardous Material Spill	2
False call (good intent)	1
Mutual Aid Rendered	8
Miscellaneous	4
(assist police, tree fire, etc.)	

Our mutual aid system provided assistance to us at both our structure fires, and Lisbon covered our station on both occasions. We provided aid to our neighbors 8 times, but all of the incidents were relatively minor.

We continue to make training our first priority. Our department in recent years has often sent more students to the annual fire school weekend in Wells River than any other department in the North Country. Two of our members began a 200 hour firefighter class late in the year, which is sponsored by the State Fire Academy.

Maintaining our apparatus had been an ongoing and frustrating problem for the department. This year we entered into a contract with a fire truck service company, and they check our 2 pumpers every 3 months with an extensive check list. They have already discovered and repaired several items.

Late in the year we purchased fire department management software for our computer, which will enable us to maintain an inventory of all equipment and repairs, as well as more accurately maintain personnel and training records.

We continued to meet with the chief and assistant chiefs of Franconia and Easton every 3 or 4 months to discuss mutual problems and improvements. Topics included a survey of water supplies, fire cisterns in new developments, sharing of equipment and joint training, among others. We also conducted 4 joint training drills with Franconia and Easton this summer.

For the first time in our history, Sugar Hill and Franconia along with some Life Squad members held a joint Christmas Party, which also served as a ladies appreciation night, and awards night. This further helped cement the working relationship that we have with our neighbors.

We have requested an increase in our budget for 2003, and this is so that we can begin replacing a couple of our old and increasingly unreliable apparatus radios.

During the year we became aware of some problems with our fire station building. A routine water test showed our well had become polluted, and attempts to correct the problem failed. Our old heating system should be replaced. We have been advised that a new unit will be 25% more efficient. Our current underground heating oil tank is not in accordance with current EPA regulations. We are presently applying to the EPA for a permit for our floor drain, and it is possible that they may require some changes. We will attempt to address some of these problems with a Warrant Article.

Our membership roll remains high, and our members are very active and enthusiastic. Each year we give a Firefighter of the Year Award and this year the award went to Harold Aldrich. He has been on the department for almost 50 years and still responds to almost every call, and attends practically every drill and meeting we hold.

We sincerely appreciate the fine support given to us by the Selectmen and citizens of Sugar Hill throughout the year, and we especially appreciate the fine cooperation that we receive from the Franconia and Easton Fire Departments and the Franconia Life Squad.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul W. Pinkham, Chief

## TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER REPORT

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate and coordinate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ALL outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for all outside burning unless the ground where the burning is to be done (and surrounding areas) is completely covered with snow. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law, and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to the \$2,000 and/or a year in jail, plus suppression costs.

A new law effective January 1, 2003 prohibits trash burning (RSA 125-N). Contact New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services at (800) 498-6868 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information.

Help us to protect you and our forest resources. Most of New Hampshire wildfires are human caused. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around the house and make sure that the house number is correct and visible Contact your local Fire Department or the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands at [www.nhdfi.com](http://www.nhdfi.com) or call 271-2217 for wildland fire safety information.

### ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES

#### 2002 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru November 10, 2002)

#### TOTALS BY COUNTY

#### CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Belknap	52	13.5
Carroll	80	10.5
Cheshire	39	17
Coos	3	2.5
Grafton	53	21
Hillsborough	108	54.5
Merrimack	94	13.5
Rockingham	60	25.5
Strafford	31	23
Sullivan	20	6

Arson/Suspicious	43
Campfire	31
Children	32
Smoking	32
Rekindle of Permit	3
Illegal	7
Lightning	36
Miscellaneous *	356

\* Miscellaneous: (powerlines, fireworks, railroad, ashes, debris, structures, equipment, etc.)

	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
<b>2002</b>	540	187
<b>2001</b>	942	428
<b>2000</b>	516	149

## REPORT OF FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD 2002

This years report is written with both sadness and relief. The sadness comes from having to step down from the squad after some 30 years, due to health reasons. The relief comes from knowing the squad has been left in qualified hands. The new Chief will be Dean Wright and his Assistant Chief will be Robert Anthony. They take charge of a record number of members, that number being 15.

We used all of our donated funds from Sugar Hill and those of Franconia to outfit these new members with the latest equipment to include radios and pagers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members for their support of myself and the squad over the years. I would also like to applaud their undying volunteerism to the communities they serve. We are all very fortunate to have them.

I would also lie to thank the towns of Franconia, Sugar Hill, and Easton, for their continued support of our efforts to serve you.

Following this report, you will find a breakdown of our activity by Town and type of response.

<b>EMERGENCY DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>FRANCONIA</b>	<b>SUGAR HILL</b>	<b>EASTON</b>
Motor Vehicle Accidents	53	43	5	5
Medical Emergencies	19	13	2	4
Trauma Emergencies	16	9	7	0
Cardiac/Stroke Related	17	11	2	4
Respiratory Related	12	9	2	1
Alcohol/Drug Related	2	1	1	0
Working CODE	1	1	0	0
Deaths	2	2	0	0
Mtn Rescue	9	9	0	0
MV Accidents vs. Moose	9	9	0	0
Seizures	4	4	0	0
Psychiatric/behavior	4	4	0	0
Bicycle Accidents	5	4	0	1
Minor Medical Emergencies	2	1	1	0
Minor Trauma Emergencies	5	3	1	1
Misc. Health Problems	4	3	1	0
Life Line Activation	2	0	2	0
Fire Dept. Assists	23	21	2	0
<b>TOTAL RUNS</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>16</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Joel N. Peabody  
Ret. Chief Franconia Life Squad



## RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Richardson Memorial Library had a very successful 2002 with increased patronage and circulation. A bright, cheerful, relaxing atmosphere welcomed every person who visited the library. Many patrons used the computer and internet for research and relaxation. Donations have included books, audio tapes and CDs for the adults and books, videos, and puzzles for the children. A very large collection of home-schooling materials were donated to us for parents to use with their children. Interlibrary Loan created the possibility of reading materials we do not have in our collection and allowed us to loan books to other libraries in NH. Over 40 visitors from out of the area remarked about our airy, spacious, and well-stocked library. Comments were cited that Sugar Hill residents are very fortunate to have so many resources in the library.

The year 2002 brought changes to our library. The most significant was an increase in youth-patrons and circulation. Programs to entice the young readers of Sugar Hill were offered.

Amy Mitz provided Story Time on Monday afternoons in four sessions, each eight weeks in length during the year. An average of 6-8 children attended the after-school activities. A snack was provided, followed by a short stretching or exercise period, and themed-books were then read and discussed with the children. Afterward, the boys and girls selected books to take home to read. We thank Amy for her time, effort, and energy in helping Sugar Hill children enjoy books.

In June 2002, we received 90 children's books from the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) through a grant, which supports small libraries in NH and VT. A special presentation was made by CLiF Executive Director, Duncan McDougall, at Lafayette Regional School, where the children were able to preview the books. Both new books and old renewed classics are now residing on the library shelves.

The library sponsored a Scholastic Book Fair held in the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse during the Lupine Festival. Hundreds of books were displayed for browsing and purchase. Local people as well as tourists came to view and buy from the wide assortment of books. Clifford the Dog, Harry Potter, Franklin the Turtle, and Curious George (supported by many local friends) were on hand to delight the children and adults. A huge thank you goes to Chairwoman Portia Anous for all the arrangements and details in running the show. The library was rewarded in participation in the Book Fair with reading materials and resources to acquire more.

The NH State Library's Summer Reading Program, "Lions & Tigers & Books, Oh My!", included 24 children from June through August this year. The children enjoyed filling out their individual Jungle Cards with titles of books they read. More than 300 books were read by the children! The culminating event to our summer reading program was a wonderful, hilarious magic show presented by Mr. Phil and Co., including his pet bunny Sassafra. Mr. Phil and Co. was provided with a grant from the New Hampshire State Library. Over 80 children and adults attended the amazing performance. Donated prizes from local businesses and attractions were awarded to the children at the close of the program. Thank you to all who supported the program!

In November, local editor and author, Rebecca Brown, read to a group of residents from her book, "Women on High: Pioneers of Mountaineering". She discussed passages from the book along with a very informative slide show about women mountain climbers. Over 80 people attended the lecture. We very much appreciate the opportunity to host the premier of a local author's work.

On three successive Mondays in December a Holiday Story and Craft Time was held for the children of Sugar Hill. Approximately 14 children joined us each week to hear holiday stories and make several small crafts. Included were snow people, angels, and reindeer items. Each child was delighted to make and take home some small decorations for the holiday.

In 2003, we look forward to more Sugar Hill patrons joining us at the library. Have you visited your library lately?

	2001	2002
Attendance	1791	2075
Total Circulations of Books	3172	3941
Adults	1658	1797
Children's	1514	2144
Audio Books	46	84
Donations		393
(Books, periodicals, audios, Videos, Puzzles)		
Books Acquired	401	505
Interlibrary Loan	36	86
Loaned	36	86
Borrowed	197	125

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharyn McGuigan  
Librarian

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The commission surveyed the town on natural resources and conservation issues. The results are below. This year, the commission will work on a trail system in town. We will also compile a collection of resources for landowners on issues like timber harvesting, wildlife management, wetlands permits, pond building, and so on. It will be available at the Richardson Memorial Library.

### 2002 Conservation Commission Survey

**Introduction:** The conservation commission created a survey for residents and property owners. The survey was intended to provide a snapshot of how people feel about conserving Sugar Hill's rural character and natural resources. Surveys were sent to 798 people in August of 2002; 224 or 28% returned them.

#### Summary:

The vast majority of people (90%) of those who answered the question named Sugar Hill's rural character as "very important" to them.

Most respondents also named a "very important" the *conservation of a range of natural features*. Conserving clean water was named by the largest numbers of respondents, followed by scenic views, wildlife habitat, undeveloped fields, undeveloped shorelines, undeveloped ridge and hilltops, large forested tracts, wetlands, recreational trails, and working farmland. Conserving working timberland was rated as very important by the fewest number of respondents.

Respondents were asked to rate *potential threats* to the town's rural landscape. Six potential threats were named, and respondents could add their own responses. Over development was the most frequently named "sever" threat, followed by water contamination, poor forestry practices, and regional development. Fewer people rated cell towers and waste disposal as severe threats. Cutting and clearing for views, ATV and snowmobile use, heavy trucks, roadside trash, light pollution, noisy gravel pits, speeding, and hunting were also named by more than one respondent.

The loss of the town's rural character was named by the greatest number of people as a *concern for the future*. Losing public recreational access was least important, although this category was still named by 58% of respondents.

In stating *how the town should protect its character*, 89% of respondents named encouraging private conservation. 78% named using zoning; 67% favored keeping building sites below ridgelines, and 54% supported town purchase of land.

In answering the question of *what they would be willing to do themselves* to protect the town's rural character, 67% named conserving land they own; 63% favored putting aside public funds for land conservation; 47% favored changing land use rules; 42% said they would volunteer; and 19% said they would allow public access to their land.

The survey asked people to name *places and views in town they find particularly important*. Nearly 30% named Sunset Hill Road, including the lupine fields, the view towards Lafayette, and the golf course area. Many (12%) named Route 117 between Iris Farm and Sunset Hill Road. Approximately the same number named Iris Farm itself. Streeter Pond, the Gale River corridor, and Coffin Pond were also frequently mentioned, as were Ore Hill, Bronson Hill, and the historic charm of Main Street.

The greatest number of respondents were ages 41-65 (53%) and the greatest number (32%) had lived in town for more than 20 years. 63% were year-round residents.

Conclusions:

The vast majority of people who answered the survey value Sugar Hill's rural character, including its natural beauty, openness, and heritage. The vast majority also see moderate to severe threats to this rural character in the future. Overdevelopment is the leading concern.

Many people wrote in comments describing the "feel" of town: rural, open, with clear views of undeveloped hilltops and ridge lines. Some suggested finding incentives for keeping development below ridgelines, and with designs compatible with the historic and rural nature of town.

The survey attempted, in a general way, to determine what residents are willing to do about conserving the town's character. Private solutions--conserving one's own land--was the most popular choice. Having the town encourage private conservation and setting aside public finds for conservation were favored by a large majority.

Well over three quarters chose "zoning" as something the town could do to conserve character, though just less than half said they would change land use rules. Exploring specifically what people mean in this regard may be an appropriate next step, perhaps for the conservation commission and planning board working together.

We conclude that a substantial number of Sugar Hill's full-time and part-time residents favor exploring ways the town can conserve features such as open fields and undeveloped ridgetops that attract people to live and visit here. They favor finding strategies to encourage future growth that is in keeping with the town's rural character.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Brown  
Chairman



## THE WILLING WORKERS SOCIETY

The Willing Workers Society is a non-sectarian, charitable organization whose purpose is to serve the community.

We had a food sale at the Crapo Memorial Building with the library book sale, during Frostbite Follies.

At our monthly luncheons a few of our members shared their lives. It was a time to enjoy some of their accomplishments and very interesting events.

We purchased a railing to be installed in the stairway upstairs in the Meetinghouse. Mr. Card donated his time to do this, also we want to thank him for his help at our sales.

There were three memorial services for our members, Gloria Strasser, Ada Zuk and Olive Whipple. We will miss these loyal members. Elaine Burpee, Lorraine Hunt and myself assisted the museum volunteers at Mitchell Vincent's memorial service.

There were two very destructive house fires this year. We donated \$500.00 to each family. Just before Christmas we were notified of an elderly and unwell couple who needed help. Of course we donated, one of many who did so. Reports overheard afterward by the elderly couple "It was the best Christmas ever".

This years college scholarship was given to Rosita Miranda.

In September the museum asked for a fee and a decorated tree for an exhibit to raise money for their education projects. We contributed to this project.

Joan Whalen moved to Florida, we miss her but she hopes to be back during the summer.

We have a new member Jess Martinelli.

Donations were made to: North Country Home Health, David's House, Brancroft House, Franconia Life Squad, Littleton Senior Center and fuel for the Community Church.

Thank you to Jeanne Ring and Nancy Smith for their help finding and making projects for our sales. Thank you to Pauline and Cliff Aldrich for help at our Christmas sale.

We bought 70 presents for babies through 6th grade for the Town party. Plants were given to shut-ins. Thank you to everyone, members and town people for donations of home baked goods and collectibles. Without all of you we wouldn't be able to help others.

Officers for 2003;

President	Sylvia Hutchinson
Vice President	Elaine Burpee
Treasurer	Edna Glessel
Secretary	Lorraine Hunt
Sec. Pro Tem	Nancy Smith

Respectfully Submitted  
Sylvia Hutchinson  
President

## SUGAR HILL HISTORICAL MUSEUM REPORT

A man with a vision....that was our neighbor and Museum founder, Mitchell C. Vincent. Vince served 25 years in every capacity from carpenter, fundraiser, Trustee to Director. He will be missed. Because of his vision and tireless efforts we have the lasting legacy of a vibrant museum that preserves and presents local history for visitors, school children and historians.

"Many hands make light work" is a true saying. Over forty faithful volunteers greeted over 970 visitors this season.

We started the season in April with our school outreach program. Martha Jenkins and I traveled to Lancaster, Whitefield, Jefferson, Dalton and Bath to present the early history of railroading in the North Country with artifacts and multi-media show. The Fall School program welcomed third graders from Bethlehem and 4th graders from Lisbon and Franconia to the Museum.

Our Lupine Festival event was a flower arranging program by Florist Everett Aldrich followed by silent auction and plant sale.

The Ammonoosuc Railroad Club of Littleton built a model of the section of Rt. 302 where the Sugar Hill Station is located. Roger Aldrich built a replica of the Station (circa 1920) for this display. Many artifacts were loaned by railroad enthusiasts from Mass., Vermont and Maine. Dick March furnished his model of "The House beside the Tracks" (Crawford Notch) and a lighted map showing the growth of the railroads in N.H. Children enjoyed Librarian Sharyn McGuigan's story hours and the train-game room. Ben English's lecture on Crawford Notch Railroading was well attended, as was our two-part series on Islam sponsored by the N.H. Humanities Council. The Littleton Historical Society and the White Mountain Grange toured the Museum in August.

The Festival of Trees, coordinated by Rae Batchelder and her committee, was attended by more than 475 people. It was truly a holiday spectacular. Over \$3,330 was raised to benefit the educational programs. Thank you to all in our community who worked to make this event such a great success.

This coming season the main exhibit will feature Colonial Crafts and a special exhibit celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the North Country Chamber Players. We will be open for the season June 12, and hour will continue to be Thursday, Friday and Saturday 1-4 PM. Special summer tours can be arranged by calling the Museum. Our extensive Geneology library is available on open days or by special appointment.

Trustee Board: Chairman: Maxine Aldrich, Vice Chairman: Barbara Quinn, Clerk: Charles Besaw, Treasure: Brenda Aldrich. Board Members: Dorothy Bailey, Dudley Bailey, Kitty Bigelow, Anne Bowdoin, Elaine Burpee, Ellie Card, Doug Caulfield, Veronica Farrington, Juna Grass Reid, J.R. Riley, and Liz Szawlowski.

Staff: Executive Director: Winnie Harwood, Curator: Jane Vincent, Assistant Curator: Judy Brubaker, Education Program: Sharyn McGuigan, Membership Chairman: pauline Aldrich, Shop Coordinator: Veronica Farrington and Volunteer Coordinators: Elaine Burpee and Rita Landry.

Respectfully submitted,  
Winnie Harwood  
Executive Director

## SUGAR HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

A most significant event for the Sugar Hill Improvement Association during 2002 was the retirement of James L. McCusker from the Carolina Crapo Trust for which he had been Chairman for thirteen years. He was honored, and awarded a bronze plaque for this long period of devoted service.

The economic recession following the World Trade Center terrorist attack coupled with some serious national corporate scandals lead to a sharp fall in interest rates and a decreased income from the Crapo Trust, making it difficult to meet its regular monthly mortgage payments. The Officers of the Town agreed to help the deficit income by awarding a bit more to the Improvement Association. More significant, however, was by having the SHIA refinance its mortgage with the Community Financial Services group to manage the Caroline Crapo Trust. Fortunately, the successor to James McCusker, and current Chairman of the Carolina Crapo Trust is Richard P. Gagne, a member of the Community Financial Services Group. We are certainly better off now than one year ago, and hope that we can continue regularly to pay off something on our mortgage, as well as keep up with our monthly interest payments.

At long last, the ever popular playground has had a 'face lift', so to speak, by having the old merry-go-round removed. It was always fun, but always a hazard, and our insurance advisors insisted. So be it. Our new playground Supervisor is Amy C. Mitz - a most suitable person, with two small children who always know what to do in a large playground.

We are fortunate to have a new Director, Barry E. Bernstein, who perhaps, significantly, lives close-by in the home located between the Crapo Building and the tennis court.

Many have heard about the Meetinghouse Restoration Committee. This is a committee of the Select Board, and not the Improvement Association. As the Courier recently stated, this committee is working on a plan to renovate the Meetinghouse stage and upgrade some of the electrical work in the building. The Improvement Association is in favor of doing what is necessary to keep the Meetinghouse "up to code".

Respectfully submitted,  
John L. Rowbotham, M.D., Vice President  
Sugar Hill Improvement Association

## MEETINGHOUSE RESTORATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Two years ago the Sugar Hill Selectmen appointed a Meetinghouse Restoration Committee to look at what was needed to maintain and preserve the building. Since that time the Committee has established a series of immediate and long-term goals.

It was brought to the Committee's attention that improvements to historic buildings were eligible for matching funds grants from both the State of New Hampshire and private funding groups. So the Committee has been concentrating its efforts on getting a grant to help us make these improvements.

The first stage of this process was to get the Meetinghouse on the State of New Hampshire's List of Historic Buildings. And thanks to the extraordinary efforts of Jane Vincent, Nancy and Roger Aldrich, this process has been completed and the Meetinghouse has been approved.

However, we recently were disappointed when the funds for the New Hampshire Arts Council Facility Grant we were applying for were frozen for the 2003-04 fiscal year. Not to be thwarted the Committee is determined to find alternative sources of funding.

The Committee will gratefully accept any private contributions to aid in this restoration project. A brass plaque with the names of all who have donated towards this community endeavor will be prominently displayed. Donations should be made out to the Town of Sugar Hill, Meetinghouse Restoration Fund.

For more information please contact Committee Members Nancy and Roger Aldrich, Elaine Burpee, Lloyd Card, Jane Higgins, Jesselyn Martinelli, Beth Perlo, John Rowbotham, Barbara Serafini, Jane Vincent, Walter Zandi and Sugar Hill Selectmen Representative Richard Bielefield.



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January 23, 2003

Meetinghouse Restoration Committee  
c/o Barbara Serafini  
71 SunsetHill Road  
Sugar Hill, NH 03585

Dear Barbara and Members of the Meetinghouse Restoration Committee:

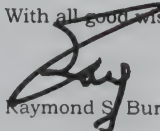
As an elected official representing this area of New Hampshire, I am especially pleased to know that there are significant efforts underway to restore the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse.

The Sugar Hill Meetinghouse is truly a New England setting in Rural America. This meeting place has been witnessed for years to the annual Town Meeting, community events, auctions, and the North Country Chamber Players to mention a few.

Our small rural towns are truly the repository of our rural history. Tourist and townspeople alike continue to enjoy the rich and fulfilling heritage of buildings such as the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse.

Please know my strong support for the restoration of this landmark of Northern New Hampshire.

With all good wishes,



Raymond S. Burton

cc: Governor Craig Benson

Commissioner Van McLeod, Cultural Resources

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## FRANCONIA - SUGAR HILL - EASTON RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Tri-Town Recreation Program has had an incredibly busy year. A huge thank you to the numerous volunteer coaches, referees, umpires, and parent helpers who have made our several programs such a success on and off the field.

Our youth baseball teams were successful with our first White Mountain League **Home Run Derby**, our only fundraising event. Money raised helped all teams in the league with uniforms, equipment and sending teams to play in championship games and on all-star teams. Thank you to the coaches, umpires and players for giving 110% all season long.

Our Summer Recreation program was again based out of our own Lafayette Regional School which provided us with a cool shady place to be when the temperatures went soaring. Field trips to Santa's Village, Surf Coaster, Canobie Lake Park and the Great Vermont Corn Maze kept everyone busy this summer. One and all looked forward to swim lessons with Jean Serino at the Hillwinds to cool off and play. The Adventure Program this summer took many participants on three camping trips to Maine, southern NH, and of course, to Six Flags Theme Park in Agawam, MA. They adventured to local waterfalls, hiking trails and bike paths, not to mention just having a lot of fun getting there. We were also able to use the rock climbing wall at the White Mountain School, where instructors Kim Cowles and Gordy Johnk taught our 6th to 8th grade Adventure participants some the finer points of rock climbing.

Our soccer teams brought almost 80% of the Lafayette School population to the field. With the help of Principal and Recreation Committee member Gordy Johnk and David Carbonneau, we were able to have a field at the school for our 2nd and 3rd grade soccer team. Mike Kenney and coach Brad Williams held a workshop prior to the soccer season to teach some energetic parents about soccer and soccer skills. Thank you to Jimbo and Cory Snyder for building our new benches and for seeding and fertilizing the Dow Field. Thank you to the White Mountain School who purchased the seed and fertilizer and to the Profile School who donated the use of the equipment. Congratulations to all of our soccer teams on a great season!

In November, Jean Serino continued swim lessons with a stroke development class for 4th through 6th grade deep water swimmers at the Franconia Village Hotel. In the spring, we hope to offer some initial swim lessons to students in grades 1 to 3. Watch for notices!

This winter our icemaking will be at the hands of Jeff Phillips through the Town of Franconia. Hours will be posted outside the rink. We hope to have a longer skating season than last winter. All season the rink was used by children. Now with basketball hoops up, the rink is accessible to anyone interested. Skateboarders and skaters had ramps and jumps in place to create an all-season rink.

The Recreation Committee meets the first Thursday of each month at the Franconia Village House at 6:00pm. We welcome the public to attend. We look forward to another exciting year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kris Germain, Recreation Director and  
The Tri-Town Recreation Committee

## FRANCONIA NOTCH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank the tri-town area for its continued support. We printed an expanded 12-page full-color brochure that we sent out to all our inquiries that shows the beauty of the area and local businesses. Our web page is being constantly updated to make it as fresh as possible. The numbers of hits keep increasing over the last year. You can check out our website at [www.franconianotch.org](http://www.franconianotch.org). During the 2002 season, we continued to staff the Franconia information booth from May until October. We assisted over 4500 visitors with information, directions, area reservations and many other services. We continue to respond to many phone and mail inquiries for area information services and referrals.

We organize and conduct the following events and festivals:

The Annual Frostbite Follies Winter Carnival  
The 15th Annual Old Men of the Mountain Rugby Festival  
The 9th Annual Fields of Lupine Festival  
The Fall Antique Show

These events highlight our beautiful area. They have attracted more visitors to our towns and subsequently provide jobs, economic growth and tax revenues to our communities. We welcome input and ideas. We are hoping to involve more businesses that aren't just hospitality related. The Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00AM at area businesses. Please join us in helping improve our area's Chamber of Commerce.

Sincerely,  
Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber operates on a cash basis and not all expenses have been booked as of year end. Other than funds received from dues and Town funds, the remainder of the income is from members to support the Chamber's other activities as outlined above.

(See next page)

# FRANCONIA NOTCH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## Year End 2002

Beginning Balance (Jan. 1, 2002)	\$16,576.89
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### INCOME

Membership Dues		\$15,101.25
Brochure Mailings		1,745.00
Town Funds		
Franconia	10,000.00	
Sugar Hill	6,000.00	
Easton	<u>365.00</u>	16,365.00
Interest Earned		66.81
Fundraisers:		
Antique Show	1,915.00	
Frostbite Follies	1,215.25	
Lupine Festival	<u>8,881.70</u>	
		12,011.95
Miscellaneous		<u>8.91</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$45,298.92</b>

### EXPENSES

Booth Expenses:		
Payroll		\$12,169.57
Telephone		3,096.66
Telephone Answering Service		2,411.09
Electricity		122.65
Office		2,459.47
Postage		2,298.00
Advertising		6,203.45
IRS (Payroll Taxes)		1,002.24
Bank Fees		70.30
Insurance		873.00
Internet		2,239.85
Non-Booth Expenses:		
Salary		10,400.00
Administrative Office Expense		864.67
Telephone		1,008.31
Postage		139.00
NHLRA Membership (and other)		140.00
Frostbite Follies		1,757.03
Lupine		6,709.70
Miscellaneous		11.74
Donations/One (Lions)		1,000.00
Services (H&R Block)		<u>310.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$55,263.25</b>

ENDING BALANCE (Dec. 31, 2002)	\$ 7,536.06
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## NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL

It has been another busy year at North Country Council. We continued to complete a number of local and regional projects for all of our 51 communities throughout the region. Summaries of some of the major projects are as follows:

### **Transportation:**

- Completed with the NHDOT and member communities the regional bike path map.
- Completed the Route 2 Corridor Study and continue to participate in the Route 2 working group.
- Provided technical transportation assistance to the majority of the communities in our region.
- Coordinated the North Country Transportation Committee.
- Conducted 138 traffic counts in 38 communities.

### **Economic Development:**

- Submitted two EDA economic development applications. (The MWVEC Technology Village and the Dartmouth Incubator).
- Coordinated the North Country District Economic Development Committee.
- Updated the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the region.
- Finish Phase I of the Industrial Park Marketing Program.

### **Community/Regional Planning:**

- Provided technical assistance to 28 towns throughout the region.
- Participated in the update of 12 master plans and zoning ordinances for member communities.
- Coordinated the Law Lecture Series for the Office of State Planning.

### **Environmental Planning:**

- Provided technical assistance to over 38 communities in the area of solid waste and hazardous waste management.
- Coordinated the Household Hazardous Waste collections for 32 communities.
- Conducted solid waste and transfer station evaluations for three community transfer stations.
- Began a pilot fluorescent light collection program.
- Managed a source water protection program for the Department of Environmental Services, which developed methods to help in the prevention of surface intake contamination.
- Provided technical assistance in the National Flood Insurance Program throughout the region.

Many of these programs will continue into the year 2003. We continue to enhance our staff capacity and will be looking to provide additional technical assistance and planning support to all our communities. We presently have nine staff people focusing on providing technical assistance in Transportation, Community Planning, Economic Development and Environmental Planning. Major programs for the year 2003 will be completion of our five year update of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), the development of a Regional Plan (transportation, natural resources, economic development, community planning) and the continued assistance of solid waste management with an emphasis on conducting town evaluations on their solid waste management practices.

Our overall goal, however, remains the same: to provide support and leadership to the region, its governments, businesses and citizens.

Sincerely,  
Michael J. King  
Executive Director

## NH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL - DISTRICT ONE REPORT

A new era is underway in the Executive Branch of your NH State Government, headed by Governor Craig Benson. I envision that his administration will be bringing new and innovative ideas of a modernized New Hampshire State Government, by utilizing tools of the new age of technology. This will bring enhanced services to the citizens and users of NH State Government. Through the many checks and balances of power at the State Capitol, Governor Benson will not go too slow or too fast.

I encourage citizens to contact Governor Benson and offer to serve on a Board or Commission. Each biennium more than 300 citizens are appointed to these public Boards. The address is: State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301. The phone number is: 603-271-2121. A new administration is in Concord. Let's make very sure our region is a part of the Benson era of New Hampshire! For a listing of the Boards and Commissions under the authority of the Governor and Council, please visit the Secretary of State Web site at: <http://webster.state.nh.us/sos/> or call my office at 271-3632.

As Councilor, I will be conducting official tours with Commissioners and Directors of State Agencies all summer and fall of 2003. If you have a special event or project you would like a certain agency to visit or focus on, please let me know.

As Councilor, I will be holding official summer 2003 hearings on proposed changes to the NH Ten Year Highway Plan. All Town, Counties and Cities will be notified of this schedule of public hearings in your region. Please utilize your regional Planning Commission as a starting point for your transportation ideas and concerns. For detailed information on the Ten Year Highway Plan visit the Department of Transportation web site: <http://webster.state.nh.us/dot/>.

All citizens and public agencies should contact our NH Congressional Delegation and ask for more support from Washington, DC. New Hampshire ranks near the bottom of the list in monies returned back from the Federal budget.

For every dollar of taxation we send to Washington, we get back ONLY 71 CENTS! Let's send many lists to Senators Gregg, and Sununu, and Congressmen Bass and Bradley and give them a chance to do better!

Please keep in touch with my office. I am at your service.

Sincerely yours,  
Raymond S. Burton  
Executive Councilor

State House - Room 207, Concord, NH 03301 - Telephone 603-271-3632  
Email: [rburton@gov.state.nh.us](mailto:rburton@gov.state.nh.us)

Home - 338 River Road - Bath, NH 03740 - 603-747-3662  
Email: [ray.burton4@gte.net](mailto:ray.burton4@gte.net)

# WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH & DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The past year has been one of unprecedented demand on the mental health system, both locally and nationally. It does not require any special training in behavioral health to recognize the increased incidence of anxiety, depression and substance abuse in our communities. Most people reading this report will be easily able to identify the impact of these issues on their own lives. These symptoms often go untreated and lead to marital problems, impaired job performance, emotional and physical abuse of children and even suicide. This is a time of pervasive concern about the stability of the world, personal economic and job stability and the general safety of our environment. Children, especially, are often unable to understand and manage these feelings, and are therefore especially vulnerable.

With this as a backdrop, it is distressing to report to you that White Mountain Mental Health and Developmental Services is less able to meet the demands of the average person in our community than we were at this time last year. Shrinking reimbursements and increasing costs have meant that we are having increased difficulty in recruiting, retaining and adequately compensating staff to provide needed services. We struggle daily with many more referrals for care than we can manage. It is ironic that mental health services are not seen as a priority by society, in spite of the escalation of personal and societal distress. This is clearly an era of crisis for our system of care.

There is some good news! We continue to work very hard to maintain *quality*, and we are succeeding. Our mental health staff is highly trained, well respected and extremely dedicated. We continue to prioritize services to children, and our efforts as lead agency for the CARE-NH federal grant has meant that children continue to come home from costly out-of-district placements to live with their families. We can also be proud of the fact that people who receive our services report overwhelmingly that our intervention in their lives made a positive difference. Our Agency placed first in the State in "key performance indicators" of effective mental health treatment. Our developmental service program, *Common Ground*, has become a model for the State and has developed a national reputation for innovative and effective supports to persons with developmental disabilities. *Common Ground* was recently awarded a nationally competitive grant from the University of Montana to implement self directed business and career development for individuals with severe and multiple disabilities. There is much to celebrate, even in this difficult time.

This year is a particularly appropriate time to thank you, our neighbors, for your support over the past thirty years. Contributions from the communities we serve are absolutely essential in allowing us to provide the support and treatment that is so crucial in this "post September 11" world. During 2002, 5 Sugar Hill residents received 58 hours of mental health services from our Agency. Thank you for making this possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane C. MacKay  
Area Director



## NORTH COUNTRY HOME HEALTH AGENCY, INC. TOWN OF SUGAR HILL - 2002

Home care is critical to serving the growing health care need of this country. It provides care for the sick, disabled, and dying in their own home where they can be provided the highest quality of life, the greatest amount of freedom possible, and the highest degree of human dignity. These people include seniors who need help to stay in their own homes, adults who are caring for aging relatives, young people with chronic illness and people of all ages who are discharged from the hospital following stays that are still becoming shorter and shorter.

North Country Home Health and Hospice Agency staff assist people who are recuperating from surgery, individuals coping with chronic illnesses, and families and community members caring for loved ones and friends. Expensive hospital stays are reduced, moves to nursing homes are eliminated or delayed, and families are supported through the competent and comprehensive care provided by North Country Home Health and Hospice Agency staff.

North Country Home Health and Hospice Agency relies on Town support and individual donations to help underwrite the cost of providing home care services to people with limited or no health benefits. Because of your generosity and support, North Country Health and Hospice continues its 31-year tradition of responding to the home health and hospice needs of North Country residents.

As we struggle to deal with the difficult and time consuming issues facing home care today, the staff of North Country Health and Hospice Agency wants to thank you for your continued support so vital to helping people in your town be assured of continuing quality medical care at home.

### Explanation of Services:

*Skilled Services* - shorter hospital stays and new technology allow many treatments to be done in the home, provided and administered by skilled professionals, such as nurses and therapists.

*Supportive Care Services* - home health aides, homemakers, and companions ensure ill and disabled persons can live in healthy households, have clean clothes, nutritious meals, and help with their activities of daily living.

*Hospice Care* - a holistic, family supportive, medically directed, team-oriented program that seeks to treat and comfort individuals and families coping with terminal illnesses.

Services provided to the Town of Sugar Hill in FY2002 include:

Type of Care	# of Visits
Nursing	54
Physical/Occupational/Speech Therapy	61
Medical Social Service	1
Home Health Aide/Homemaker/Companion	<u>111</u>
Total	227

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Jurasek  
Executive Director



## HOSPICE OF THE LITTLETON AREA ANNUAL REPORT 2002

In this, our 13th year of town funding, Hospice of the Littleton Area provided services to a total of 202 patients and families in our service area, which includes the towns of Littleton, Bath, Bethlehem, Carroll (Twin Mountain), Franconia, Sugar Hill, Easton, Lisbon, Lyman, Landaff, Monroe, Woodsville/Haverhill, Woodstock and Lincoln.

Our director, volunteer coordinator and hospice volunteers provided supportive care in patient's homes, at Littleton Regional Hospital, or in nursing homes to 78 individuals and families coping with the advanced and final stages of illness. In addition, our bereavement care program supported a total of 124 clients through mailings, phone contact, one-on-one counseling sessions, and a bi-monthly grief support group. It should be noted that we started a new bi-monthly support group at the Haverhill Senior Center this year.

Hospice of the Littleton Area continues its partnership with two (2) area programs. We provide volunteer and bereavement services to the North Country Home Health Agency's Medicare Hospice Program and we offer supportive care to patients and families in the Hospice Room at Littleton Regional Hospital. In all our efforts this year, the Hospice of the Littleton Area staff and volunteers gave over 4200 hours in services.

Our Volunteer Coordinator conducted an annual six-week, (18-hour) Hospice Volunteer Training Program for individuals interested in becoming volunteers or increasing their knowledge about hospice care. Eight people completed our 2002 Spring Training Program. Since 1983, we have trained 266 people and currently we have 65 active volunteers available to support area residents.

There is *no charge* to patients or families for the services of Hospice of the Littleton Area, which was founded in 1983. This service is made possible through the generous support provided by the towns that we serve. Without the support of town funding we would be unable to continue to provide services to the many patients and families we serve.

Your support of Hospice of the Littleton Area is greatly appreciated as we continue to provide care to residents of area communities.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha A. Hill  
Executive Director

# **GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.**

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2002**

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private non-profit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln and also sponsors the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of the Upper Valley and White Mountains (RSVP). Through the centers and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, congregate dining programs, transportation, adult day care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2002, 30 older residents of Sugar Hill were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Littleton Area Senior Center:

- Older adults from Sugar Hill enjoyed 123 balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.
- They received 172 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Sugar Hill residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 57 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 60 visits by a trained social worker.
- Sugar Hill's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 82 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Sugar Hill residents in 2002 was \$3,406.00.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars which would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Sugar Hill's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Carol W. Dustin  
Executive Director

**BIRTHS REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH  
for the Year Ending December 31, 2002**

<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	<b>NAME OF CHILD</b>	<b>NAME AND SURNAME OF FATHER</b>	<b>MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER</b>
January 19, 2002	Sarah Angelica Young	Gary Young	Miranda Young
March 22, 2002	Sarah Rosalie Burt	Russell Burt	Sherry Burt
April 11, 2002	Kesley Lemay Venezia	Marc Venezia	Amy Venezia
August 7, 2002	Madeline Elizabeth Ellms	Christopher Ellms	Rosemary Ellms

I hereby certify the above information is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Elizabeth Coombs Andross  
Town Clerk

**DEATHS REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH  
for the Year Ending December 31, 2002**

<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>	<b>NAME OF DECEASED</b>	<b>NAME AND SURNAME OF FATHER</b>	<b>MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER</b>
January 13, 2002	Gloria C. Strasser	Edward Hoffmann	Margaret Koch
April 11, 2002	Mitchell C. Vincent	Valentine Vincent	Maria Mikolajczyk
April 25, 2002	Olive M. Whipple	Levi Adams	Fanny Lyman
December 1, 2002	Laird A. Eberle	Harold Eberle	Pauline Smith
December 9, 2002	Blayne A. Perlo	Bruce Perlo	Beth Morton

\*Corrections 2001

September 2, 2001	Alice H. Stewart	Simeon Haynes	Georgia Labonte
October 2, 2001	Pauline A. Hannah	John Lee	Susan Shaw

I hereby certify the above information is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Elizabeth Coombs Andross  
Town Clerk



# **MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2002**

<b>DATE OF MARRIAGE</b>	<b>NAME AND SURNAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE</b>	<b>RESIDENCE OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE</b>
July 20, 2002	Christopher J. Ellms Rosemary C. Stranzl	Sugar Hill, NH Sugar Hill, NH
August 3, 2002	Douglas R. Glover Launa M. Morin	Sugar Hill, NH Sugar Hill, NH
August 24, 2002	Thaddeus D. Presby Joselle Germano	Sugar Hill, NH Bedford, NH
*Information Not Received From State in 2001		
*August 25, 2001	Nirmal K. Shanbhag Eleanor D. Foss	Concord, MA Concord, MA

I hereby certify the above information is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Elizabeth Coombs Andross  
Town Clerk



## **TOWN HOURS**

### **SELECTMEN'S OFFICE**

**823-8468**

Monday .....	5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Tuesday and Thursday .....	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

### **TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

**823-8516**

Monday .....	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Tuesday and Thursday .....	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

### **PLANNING BOARD**

First Tuesday of each month .....	5:30 PM
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### **ZONING BOARD**

As needed .....	6:30 PM
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### **TRANSFER STATION**

Sunday .....	12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Monday .....	12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Tuesday and Thursday .....	CLOSED
Wednesday .....	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Friday .....	12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Saturday .....	12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

### **RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

**823-7001**

Monday .....	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Tuesday .....	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Thursday .....	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Saturday .....	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

### **SUGAR HILL HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

**823-8431**

Thursday .....	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Friday .....	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Saturday .....	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

OPEN: June 15<sup>th</sup> - October 15<sup>th</sup>

<b>FIRE, POLICE, LIFE SQUAD EMERGENCY ONLY 911</b>
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**Non-Emergency Police**

**823-8725**

**823-8123**

**Non-Emergency Fire Department**

**823-8415**

**823-8123**

**Highway Department**

**823-8788**

**Meetinghouse**

**823-7011**

